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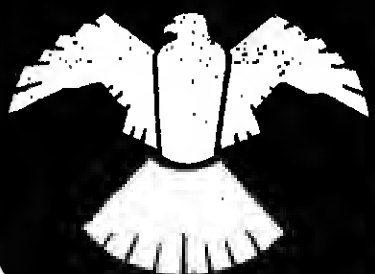
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For strengthening peace

U.S. vows to forge better Soviet links

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has pledged to try to improve relations with the Soviet Union despite the arms buildup he is undertaking to counter what he called Moscow's military superiority.

The United States "will strive to strengthen world peace through intensive negotiations with the Soviet Union," he told Americans in his weekly broadcast.

"The United States is committed to negotiating significant reductions in existing levels of weapons and to foster a more stable relationship between our two nations," he said.

Reagan did not say specifically how he planned to improve relations with the Soviet leadership in view of his continued denunciation of Soviet policy in Afghanistan, Poland, Africa and other areas.

In an interview with six independent radio networks which immediately followed, the president made a new appeal for withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and predicted "1983 will be a better (economic) year." He also restated his view that the controversial MX missile was needed to strengthen the U.S. nuclear deterrent.

On the Middle East, Reagan said talks he will have with Jordan's King Hussein on 'Zero option' irks Russia

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Soviet Union on Saturday virtually ruled out further discussion of the "zero option" for reducing medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe, saying the U.S. proposal was blocking progress at Euro-missile talks in Geneva.

"He who continues clinging tenaciously to the American 'zero' does not wish an agreement at Geneva. He wishes a deployment of new American missile in Europe — and nothing more," said a commentary distributed by the official news agency Tass.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has offered to scrap plans to station 572 new U.S. Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe starting late next year if the Soviets dismantle more than 300 new SS-20 missiles, each with a triple nuclear warhead, already aimed at NATO targets.

Moscow claims its new medium-range missiles are balanced by existing U.S. nuclear weapons in Europe, including aircraft capable of hitting Soviet territory. But NATO believes the SS-20s give the Russians a major first-strike advantage.

The commentary, which was appearing in Sunday's edition of the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, accused the Reagan administration of this week giving a "distorted interpretation" of the status of the U.S.-Soviet talks, which resume Jan. 27.

Tuesday would involve diplomacy aimed at an Arab-Israeli settlement and the withdrawal of Palestinian, Syrian and Israeli troops from Lebanon. "I think he will be cooperative," he said.

King Hussein has refused to join talks with Israel and Egypt on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, which President Reagan said Sept. 1 should be associated with Jordan.

The king regards the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. U.S. officials said earlier Saturday they did not expect next week's talks to produce an agreement by the king to join the talks. Reagan described King Hussein as a very intelligent and responsible leader, most sensitive to the problems involved and sincerely desirous of peace in the Middle East.

The main task now was to get rid of the "armies of occupation" in Lebanon and push on toward an overall Middle East settlement.

Balsemao resigns

LISBON, Dec. 19 (R) — Portugal's Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao Sunday announced his resignation but said there would be no early general elections.

He said in a statement to the press that he had decided to devote himself entirely to his Social Democratic Party (PSD), which emerged as the biggest loser in local elections last weekend.

Balsemao gave no indication of who would succeed him. But he said there was no reason for holding general elections before the present parliament's mandate expires in 1984.

This means that the next government will have to be formed by the ruling democratic alliance, which is dominated by Balsemao's party.

The alliance, which also includes the Christian Democrats (CDS) and the tiny Monarchist Party (PPM), has a comfortable parliamentary majority.

Iraq destroys 4 Iranian vessels

NICOSIA, Dec. 19 (AP) — Navy destroyed four Iranian military and civilian vessels in the Khor Moussa on the creek on the northern Gulf Saturday in retaliation for a car bombing in Baghdad and Iranian shelling of Iraqi border towns, Baghdad Radio reported.

Quoting a military communiqué issued by the Iraqi high command, the radio said the four "naval targets" were among a group of vessels seen entering Khor Moussa toward the Bandar Khomeini port and were attacked by Iraqi naval vessels.

For pullout talks

Israel climbs down on terms

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Israel Sunday dropped its insistence on holding Lebanese peace talks in occupied Jerusalem and announced its acceptance of a framework for negotiating an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and political arrangements between the two countries.

Prime Minister Meachem Begin, who had firmly insisted on talks being held in occupied Jerusalem and Beirut, backed down because he realized his position had deadlocked the negotiations, a senior Israeli official said.

The official quoted Begin as telling his cabinet at its regular weekly session: "I take this upon myself. I think we have to be honest and not hide anything, and say that we are changing our decision."

Begin and Defense Minister Ariel Sharon were to meet later Sunday with U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib and his assistant Morris Draper for further talks on Lebanon.

The cabinet said it approved a document which would serve as a framework for future negotiations, and the venue would be chosen later.

The official, who declined to be identified,

told reporters the document was worked out in direct Lebanese-Israeli contacts over the past eight weeks. He said it included three elements: security arrangements to safeguard Israel from attack by Lebanese based forces, normalization of ties between the two countries, and Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon.

The cabinet communiqué made no mention of Habib or the proposals he reportedly brought here for an Israeli withdrawal.

According to Lebanese officials, Habib's latest proposals on the withdrawal call for an Israeli pullback from the central mountain region of Aley, southeast of Beirut, to the coastal town of Damour, 16 kilometers south of the capital.

Syrian and Palestine Liberation Organization forces would simultaneously withdraw from positions along the highway linking Beirut with the Syrian capital of Damascus, into the eastern Bekaa Valley, according to the officials.

Israel's performance over the past days appears to some observers to be an attempt to one-up the Americans by proving that it can

deal with the Lebanese unaided.

At the same time, however, the Americans pressured Israel over the slow pace of the negotiating effort. Both President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz have said Israeli troops were becoming an occupying army in Lebanon, and they urged an early withdrawal.

Meanwhile, Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem expressed satisfaction with the Israeli cabinet decision to start talks on Israeli troop withdrawal and said his country was ready to start immediately.

"They are talking about an agenda and we have said that we are anxious to sit down and talk," Salem said Saturday in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "The important thing is to get moving. We are tired of obstacles."

Asked when the talks were expected to begin, Salem said: "I hope they will start tonight. We want them all out."

However, Salem said, the venue of the talks has not been settled, and will have to be agreed on later.

Aftershocks rattle Yemen

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — The devastated Dhamar province in central North Yemen was jolted by two aftershocks early Sunday, while rescue squads recovered 40 survivors, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

It said that the two aftershocks, which hit badly damaged areas, caused no casualties because local residents had been moved away to tent cities after last Monday's quake.

Interior Ministry has instructed provincial governors throughout the Kingdom to set up special committees to receive donations for

quake victims. SPA said. The ministry appealed to citizens and expatriates residing in the Kingdom to send their donations to the committees so that relief could reach the victims in the shortest possible time.

The agency said Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, head of AGFUND and special envoy for the UNICEF will visit Sanaa Monday to determine the needs of displaced and injured people. He will be accompanied by officials from U.N. agencies, namely UNDP, UNICEF and WHO.

Dhamar also sustained two aftershocks Saturday, but no casualty estimate was immediately available from the stricken regions.

Multinational rescue squads meanwhile were climbing rugged mountainous locations in search of survivors and bodies. Two French helicopters helped move rescuers to impassable plateaus, across the areas hit by landslides.

A total of 374 cities and hamlets were damaged, 21 of which were "totally devastated," by Monday's quake. Over 2000 persons were killed by the quake.

Ghaffar Khan held

PESHAWAR, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Ninety-six-year-old Pathan leader Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was arrested near here Saturday for political activities violating Pakistan's martial law regime, official sources said Sunday.

The tribal leader, exiled for his pro-Soviet views, had returned to Pakistan several months ago after a long, voluntary exile in Afghanistan.

Sources said he was attempting to convince traditional Afghan Pashtu chiefs, now refugees in Pakistan, to accept the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul.

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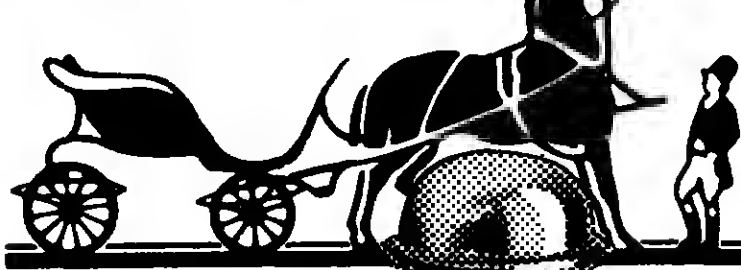
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Minister outlines role in global food shortage

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — The Kingdom's role in reducing worldwide food shortage has been highlighted by Minister of Agriculture and water Dr. Abdul Raham Al-Sheikh in a communication to the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

It is officially stated here that the Kingdom's full awareness of the situation has initiated large scale agricultural development in both horizontal and vertical directions with the aim of achieving comprehensive development and eventually attaining self-sufficiency in certain essential commodities.

The Kingdom followed this through well-coordinated programs based on modern methodology which have satisfactory and some times outstanding results.

For example, it pointed out the Kingdom's wheat production, which was about 3,000 tons in 1977, rose to 400,000 tons in 1982.

"This means that self-sufficiency in bread



Dr. Abdul Raham

requirements is attainable within two to three years."

The minister communicated the Kingdom's role in the context of the extent of food problem worldwide.

GCC tax officers meet Wednesday in Manama

MANAMA, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Tax department directors in the gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will meet here Wednesday. During the two-day meeting the direc-

tors hope to reach a minimum agreement on tariffs between the GCC and other countries. Findings during the meeting will be sent to the GCC finance ministers who are due to meet here next week.

Pym expected next month Lawson's visit postponed

By S. Sifahmed
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Nigel Lawson, Britain's energy minister has decided to postpone his visit to the Kingdom which he was due to begin Saturday, according to a British embassy spokesman. New dates for the visit are being considered and the visit is expected to take place in the first half of next year.

"The postponement was unavoidable due to the tight schedule of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani, who is currently attending the regular biannual meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), in Vienna," the spokesman said.

"The purpose of the visit is to discuss energy topics, namely the Kingdom's oil exports to the United Kingdom, which up to the first nine months of this year amounted to 7.17 million tons at a cost of \$992 million," the spokesman said. "Although Bri-

tain is an oil producer, it prefers to sell its good quality crude and import low-grade ones for her domestic imports. Last year the British oil production amounted to 89.4 million metric tons, while this year it is expected to range between 90-105 million tons."

On the agenda will also be Britain's standing in the international oil market and its relation with OPEC. Countries which are OPEC members complain that non-OPEC producers undermine the market by selling under the organization's official \$34 a barrel price and warned that those countries like Britain are going to suffer if OPEC reduces its benchmark price.

On the other hand the spokesman said Britain's foreign secretary Francis Pym is considering visiting the Kingdom early next year. Pym's visit will be linked to a trip he is supposed to take to the United Arab Emirates which is likely to take place during the second half of next month.

Trade in Saudi Arabia's favor Kingdom is U.K.'s largest mart

RIYADH, Dec. 19 — Saudi Arabia is the largest market for British products. *Al-Riyadh* reported Sunday.

During the first six months of 1982, Saudi Arabia's exports to Britain totaled SR5.246

million, while imports came up to SR4.719 million. The trade balance tips in the Kingdom's favor. Britain is the fifth largest importer from Saudi Arabia.

In 1977, the Kingdom's imports from Britain stood at SR3.182 million, while exports totaled SR6.491 million. In 1981, the imports totaled SR7.407 million (6.21 percent of the SR119.298 million of items the Kingdom imports from various countries).

During the first half of 1982, the Kingdom's imports from Britain accounted for 6.6 percent of the SR71.457 million worth of goods the Kingdom purchased from the various suppliers.

British tax consultants due Jan. 28

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Two top British tax consultants are coming to the Kingdom in January to assist British expatriates on tax advantages while they are overseas.

Wilfred T. Fry Limited, an 80-year-old company specializing in advising individuals about tax matters, will provide on-the-spot advice in special 'tax forums' to be held in Jeddah, Riyadh and Alkhobar.

In addition to seeing their existing clients, these executives will be available to assist any U.K. expatriate who is concerned with

Indian medical team, supplies rushed for earthquake victims

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — A five-member medical team arrived here from India Sunday and left for Sanaa to render necessary assistance to the victims of the recent earthquake.

Team leader Dr. R. S. Saxena told *Arab News*, they are carrying with them necessary medicine and equipment and the Indian government is immediately rushing nearly 11 tons of medical supplies and 1,000 blankets for the victims.

The supplies include anti-bacterial, anti-diarrhea, anti-septic medicine, transfusion materials and vitamins. Saudia and Yemen airlines have agreed to transship these supplies to Sanaa, he added.

"The Indian government will arrange for additional supplies on receiving the necessary report from the team," Dr. Saxena said. He is professor and head of the Anesthesia Department at the Safdarjung Hospital. Other members are Dr. R. L. Gupta, surgeon, Dr. Sardar Singh, Orthopaedic surgeon; J. B. Joshi, senior orthopaedic technician and Devi Ram, senior surgical technician.

The team of Dr. Saxena, Joshi and Devi



Dr. R.S. Saxena

Ram has worked in Lebanon for two months from June 11 to provide relief to the recent war victims.

"We are very happy with the Arab hospitality and had greater satisfaction for serving friends," team leader Dr. Saxena said.

Lufthansa flies experts to Sanaa

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Lufthansa Area Manager Dieter Seefeld told *Arab News* on Sunday that 80 experts of the German Aid Organization are being flown to Sanaa by his airlines Boeing 727 planes, to help the earthquake victims. The planes were routed from Frankfurt via Stuttgart and Cairo to Sanaa on Friday.

The group consists of doctors, medical orderlies and search specialists from Federal Republic of Germany, who will assist in

the efforts to search for the earthquake victims and give medical assistance. Also on board are 18 search dogs for searching victims, he said.

Seefeld further said some relief was noticed after hearing that the families of 13 young Yemenies, who are presently undergoing a management training program at Lufthansa's head office in Colon, were safe and unhurt.

French minister arriving today

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — French Economy and Finance Minister Jacques Delors will arrive here Monday on a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

During his stay here, he will hold talks on bilateral economic relations as well as international financial and economic issues with Saudi Arabian leaders.

Erratum

In the earthquake story on page 1, Sunday issue, the name King Khaled was used instead of King Fahd. The error is regretted.

Arab Health Council meeting Jan. 3

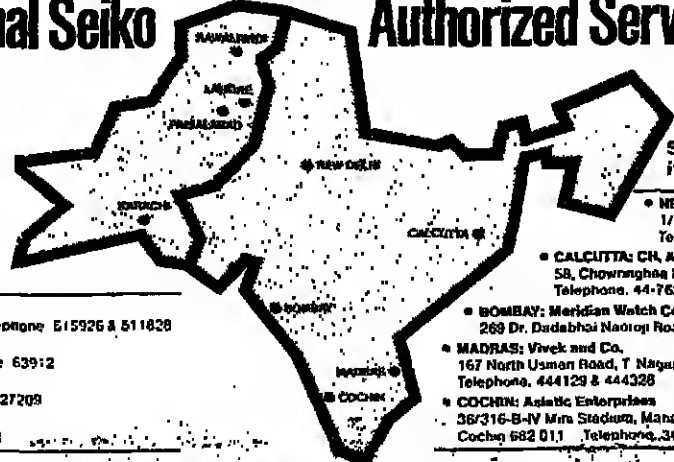
RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The Arab Gulf Health Ministerial Council meets here Jan. 3 to 6 to discuss technical topics related to coordination in preventive medicine. Health ministers from Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, the United Arab

Emirates and Qatar will attend the meeting which is the eighth.

The council will consider coordinating projects to combat malaria, epidemics and smoking, production of joint programs and organizing seminars.

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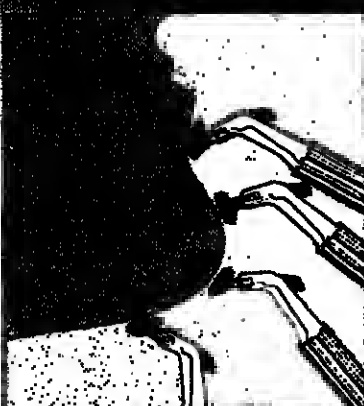
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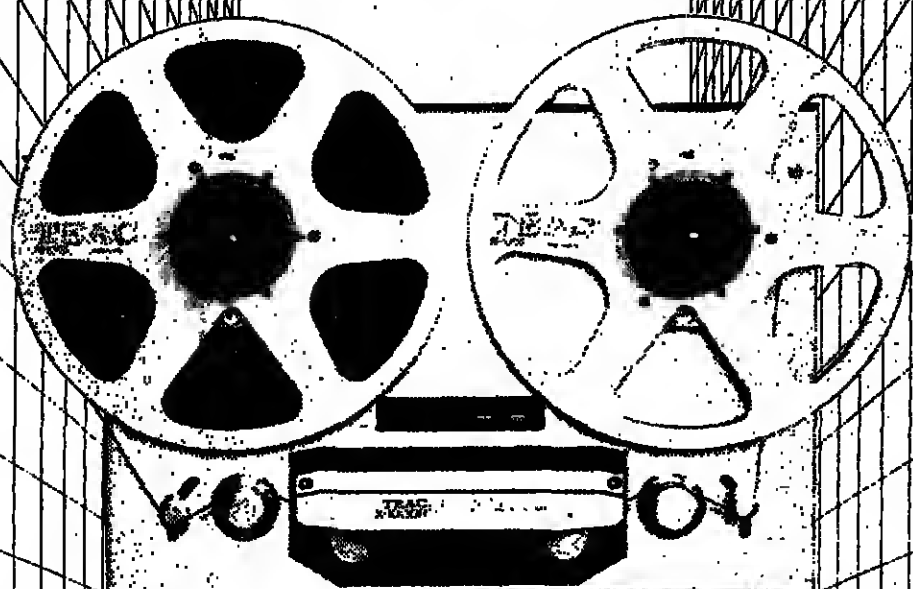
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Trust for disabled kids

Saudi-Belgian foundation begins data compilation

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — The Saudi Arabian-Belgian Foundation for Handicapped Children has in the first phase started the compilation of data necessary to assess the magnitude of the work, said Foundation Chairman Bernard J. Adins.

He told *Arab News*, "the Saudi Arabian-Belgian Foundation for Handicapped Children was set up in Brussels in April 1982 on the initiative of some friends of the Kingdom and has been fully approved by many Saudi Arabian friends, who feel the need to do something more for the handicapped children."

"We are very well organized in Belgium for serving handicapped and disabled children, who still remain the most deprived. We would like to support them by actions which will improve their situation, overcome sick-

ness and provide them a little bit of love and affection," he added.

The idea to set up such an organization was suggested when a big delegation from Saudi Arabia visited Belgium in November of 1981 on the occasion of the Jeddah city exhibition.

"Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi supported and encouraged me to take up this work and Vice Mayor Kamal Komany introduced me to the Health Ministry officials for the necessary help in the project," Adins said.

"We are now looking for a secretariate in Saudi Arabia so that parents of such children can contact the local offices to be set up in Jeddah and Riyadh for the necessary medical and financial assistance," he said. "Children will be given treatment outside the Kingdom until the time centers are set up here with the financial support of Saudi Arabian nationals and institutions with doctors and trained personnel from Belgium."

"We will train Saudi Arabian nationals to look after the management and maintenance of such centers," he said.

The foundation recognizes the forms of handicap as: chronic sick or diseased children and adolescents; minors with skeletal deflections, deflection of limbs and other physical infirmities; minors suffering from infantile paralysis (polio), respiratory disturbances, with cardiac affection, brain paralysis, motor and sensorial disturbances, multiple sclerosis or epilepsy; and with heavy eye sight or hearing problems.

The organization aims to provide medical and para-medical assistance; medical facilities, equipment and information; mobile units; arranging for special treatment abroad; an organization of hospitals and para-medical centers; construction of observation and revalidation centers; schooling and teaching.



Bernard J. Adins

Aramco training 26,000 Saudis

DHAHRAN, Dec. 19 — More than 26,000 Saudi Arabian youth are receiving training at Aramco's schools and centers, and after five years Saudi Arabians are expected to constitute 76 percent of Aramco's work force, *Al-Madina* reported. Moreover, 44 percent of Saudi Arabian manpower will hold principal posts.

Within a few months, the number of Saudi Arabians working for Aramco will total 33,000, and 30,000 are expected to join Aramco in the coming five years.

The company has 14 sections and 16 divisions overseeing training on 120 specialties.

Riyadh area has 558 girls' schools

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — There are 558 primary, intermediate and secondary schools for girls in Riyadh region, according to the area's girls' education director general Dr. Ibrahim Al-Shaalan. In addition, he said there are 18 female teachers' institutes, seven kindergartens, 209 literacy and adult education schools and 13 educational guidance offices.

Some 1,754 students study in secondary

schools, 1077 in teachers' institutes, 5,823 students in intermediate schools and about 40,000 in primary schools. Adults attending literacy classes reached 5,996.

Shaan said that so far 80 government buildings have been constructed to house schools at a cost of SR240 million. Another 20 schools are being constructed at a cost of SR23 million while contracts have been awarded for 20 more schools at the same cost.

About 2,700 probationers completed one or more training courses during the past few years.



Muhammad Saeed Farsi

Unfit for human consumption

Jeddah municipal inspectors destroy large substandard foodstuff stocks

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Large quantities of foodstuffs have been destroyed here after being found unfit for human consumption or outdated by municipal inspectors. *Al-Madina* reported. The quantities included cheese (57 cartons); eight cartons of beef; cakes (22 cartons); custard powder (36 cartons) and other items.

At University District, inspectors destroyed 14,272 cans of various items; 43,321 chickens; 7,108 fish; 7,495 units of fruit and vegetables; 5,836 milk and other dairy boxes; 18,436 boxes of oil and fats; 107,773 boxes of biscuits and other cakes; 1,251 boxes of spaghetti; 149,761 bottles of refreshment drinks and health water; and 10,934 other

articles.

Likewise, at Bani Malek, 351 shops were closed for various violations. A total of 5,266 shops were inspected and 1,275 warned for their non compliance with the rules. Written commitments were taken from 1,300 shops as it was the first time they committed any infraction. At the same time, merchandise was confiscated from 290 merchants.

Meanwhile, Bani Malek Municipality also removed a large number of unlicensed shops, including 60 kiosks (wooden structures), hangars, fences and car canopies. It took written undertakings from 312 persons and warned 592 others.

SR425 million set for television network expansion

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — SR425 million has been allocated by the Information Ministry for television network expansion. SR350 million was allotted for establishing ten transmission centers and two television production centers, while SR75 million was set for local transmission stations in various parts of the Kingdom.

Production centers will be established in Medina and Buraidah and each one will be equipped with the necessary equipment to produce local bulletins. These centers will have mobile vans and four units to cover outside events.

The ministry has already agreed with a specialized company to establish the local transmitters.

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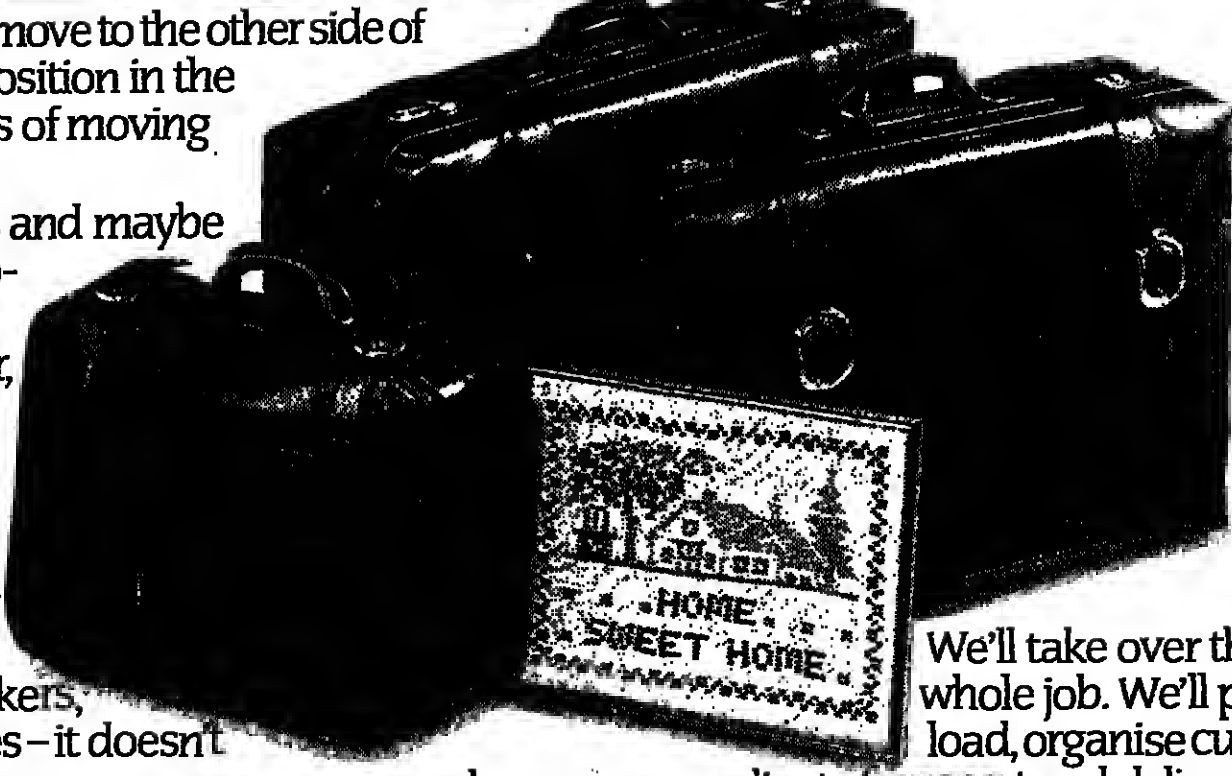
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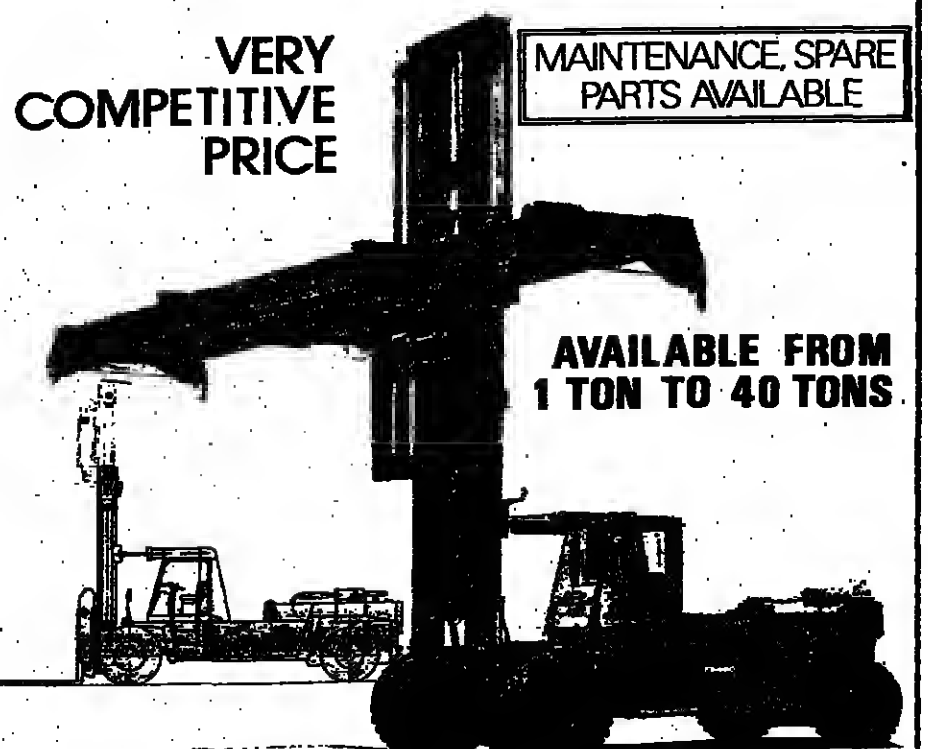
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Sniper fire claims 3 lives in Tripoli

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Three persons were killed and four others wounded Sunday in the north Lebanese capital of Tripoli from sniper fire, Lebanese television reported.

It said that tension in that port city continued in several of its districts where pro and anti-Syrian groupings have been pitted against each other for past weeks.

Another troubled area, according to reports here, remained the Chouf mountain area of central Lebanon where clashes continued between Muslim members of the nationalist forces of Walid Jumblatt and rightwing Christian militia. No details were immediately available as to the number of victims.

In another development, two Palestinian children were killed Saturday and two others

injured in the Bourj Barajneh refugee camp outside Beirut when a shell they were handling exploded, the Lebanese press reported Sunday. In other sections of Beirut Saturday, two mines went off without causing injuries.

Occasional accidents of the kind are reported despite three-month-long efforts by the multinational peacekeeping force to free the capital of unexploded devices.

Meanwhile, in the southern Lebanese coastal town of Sidon, municipal employees Saturday began evacuating the town hall at the order of Israeli troops. The town hall was seized by the Israelis and transferred to an army headquarters last June, but municipal employees had been allowed to continue working in some parts of the building.

Curfew clamped on Nablus

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (AFP) — A curfew was imposed Sunday in the West Bank town of Nablus after fresh violence broke out following Saturday's fatal shooting of a teenage Palestinian demonstrator, an Israeli official said.

Evren leaves for Bali

JAKARTA, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Turkish President Kenan Evren left here Sunday for Bali on the next stage of a visit to Indonesia. Evren and his 50-member party earlier made a farewell call on President Suharto who Saturday night hosted a state dinner in his honor.

On his tour of Bali, Evren will be accompanied by Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja. Gen. Evren is scheduled to leave Bali for the South Korean capital Seoul Monday morning.

army spokesman said.

The spokesman said Palestinian youths had stoned shops in the Arab part of Nablus to force shopkeepers into observing a strike.

An 18-year-old Arab boy was shot dead Saturday at the Balata refugee camp north of Nablus during a demonstration against a three-day old curfew imposed by the army. Israeli forces used tear gas to disperse the demonstrators and imposed a limited curfew Saturday on the Arab neighborhood of Nablus.

Meanwhile, Israeli journalists in the West Bank were Sunday claiming that young Samir Taffak had been shot inside the grounds of his school, and not in the street during the demonstration as the army maintains. An Israeli photographer showed AFP a photo clearly showing patches of blood in the yard of the King Hussein Ibn Tallal School.

Zia to have checkup

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, 58, will have a "routine" checkup in a Washington military hospital, a Pakistani official said.

Gen. Zia, who received treatment for a kidney ailment last year, had been expected to leave Canada directly for Pakistan. On the final day of his visit Saturday, he met members of the Pakistani community and leading businessmen in Toronto, industrial capital of the Canadian province of Ontario.

Zhao arriving in Cairo today

Cairo, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang is due to arrive in Cairo today for a three-day visit to the Egyptian capital.

Zhao is expected to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. He is scheduled to travel to other African capitals in the course of his visit to the continent.

Earlier, Chinese Foreign Minister Qiao Gueishan, during his visit to the Sudan, met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali and the Sudanese Foreign Minister. He also met with the Egyptian Vice President and the Sudanese Vice President.

North Korea is Iran's top weapons supplier

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — North Korea has been the leading supplier of weapons to Iran since the Islamic revolution, according to a report in The New York Times.

The report, based on a review of U.S. intelligence files, says that North Korea has supplied Iran with a wide range of weapons, including anti-aircraft missiles, anti-tank missiles, and other sophisticated arms.

The report also says that North Korea has been instrumental in helping Iran to develop its nuclear weapons program.

Attack by peace prize winner Palestinian archives destroyed by Israelis

TUNIS, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Sean MacBride, Nobel peace prize winning former Irish foreign minister, Saturday denounced here the destruction and pillage by Israeli forces of the Palestinian archives during their occupation of Beirut earlier this year.

MacBride, president of the International Association for the Safeguard of the Palestinian Heritage, said that it was a case of a "premeditated act to efface the Palestinian civilization". He was addressing the opening session here of the association's first international meeting.

The veteran Irish statesman added that urgent action was required to counter what he called Israeli attempts aiming at "liquidating all traces of (Palestinian) identity and forcing the Palestinian people into exile". In another speech before the same forum, Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat denounced "American support

for Israel's "criminal policy of destruction and pillage" against the Palestinian people.

Arafat said that "the Zionist enemy, with the unlimited support of the United States, has expelled more than 60 percent of the Palestinian people from its homeland, and subjected the remaining 40 percent to an unprecedented colonial domination." He charged that as a result of this year's Israeli invasion of Lebanon, 70,000 Lebanese and Palestinians had been either killed or wounded, while 25,000 persons remained interned in Israeli "concentration camps".

The Palestinian leader nevertheless stressed continuing PLO willingness to achieve peace in the Middle East in a basis of "justice and international legality".

Meanwhile, the PLO's executive committee was expected to discuss during its meetings here progress at Jordanian-Palestinian commission talks.

Pakistan follows IAEA safeguards

RAWALPURI, Dec. 19 (AP) — Pakistan has been following up proposals for safeguarding an atomic reactor against diversion of material to military use but "some issues remain to be cleared up," Hans Blix, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Saturday.

Since 1981, most suggestions for Pakistan have been implemented. In principle, we have reached an understanding. Blix told a news conference concluding a week-long visit to India. He said that the IAEA suggested strengthened safeguards at Pakistan's Kanupp reactor near Karachi last year after Pakistan agreed to IAEA inspection.

because of persistent reports from Western and Indian scientists that Pakistan is working toward a nuclear bomb, reports refuted by that country's government. The Swedish-born IAEA chief emphasized that the U.N. agency inspects only by agreement with the country affected and noted that both India and Pakistan have some installations not under safeguards.

Blix said he expects that the IAEA will operate the same safeguards at India's Tarapur atomic reactor when France replaces the United States as supplier of uranium fuel as were in force for the American fuel. India and France recently reached agreement for France to take over the U.S. supply.

Cholera claims 10,000 lives in Bangladesh

TOKYO, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Asiatic cholera has claimed the lives of an estimated 10,000 persons in Bangladesh since early September, a Japanese doctor said in a report published here.

Yoshitami Takeda, assistant professor at Osaka University, who has just returned from Bangladesh said the epidemic started in the Dhaka area in early September. Bangladesh is not on the list of cholera-contaminated areas issued by the World Health Organization.

But alarmed by Prof. Takeda's report, the Japanese Health and Welfare Ministry has ordered tighter quarantine checks on tourists from Bangladesh.

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (AFP) — Eight army officers accused of belonging to the left-wing underground "Turkish Popular Liberation Party and Front" appeared Saturday before an Ankara martial law court; legal sources reported Sunday.

ANKARA, (R) — A leading Turkish daily newspaper, *Milliyet*, banned in six western provinces last Sunday apparently for publishing a story about military judges allegedly seeking bribes, reappeared in the areas Sunday, distributors said.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — A bus with more than 40 passengers overturned Sunday on a winding mountain road in the occupied West Bank, Israel radio reported.

ISLAMABAD, (SPA) — A young Afghan girl, two Soviet advisers and eight Afghan soldiers died in a shooting incident in Kabul's government house Dec. 8, the Afghan Mujahideen news agency AJP reported from Peshawar Sunday.

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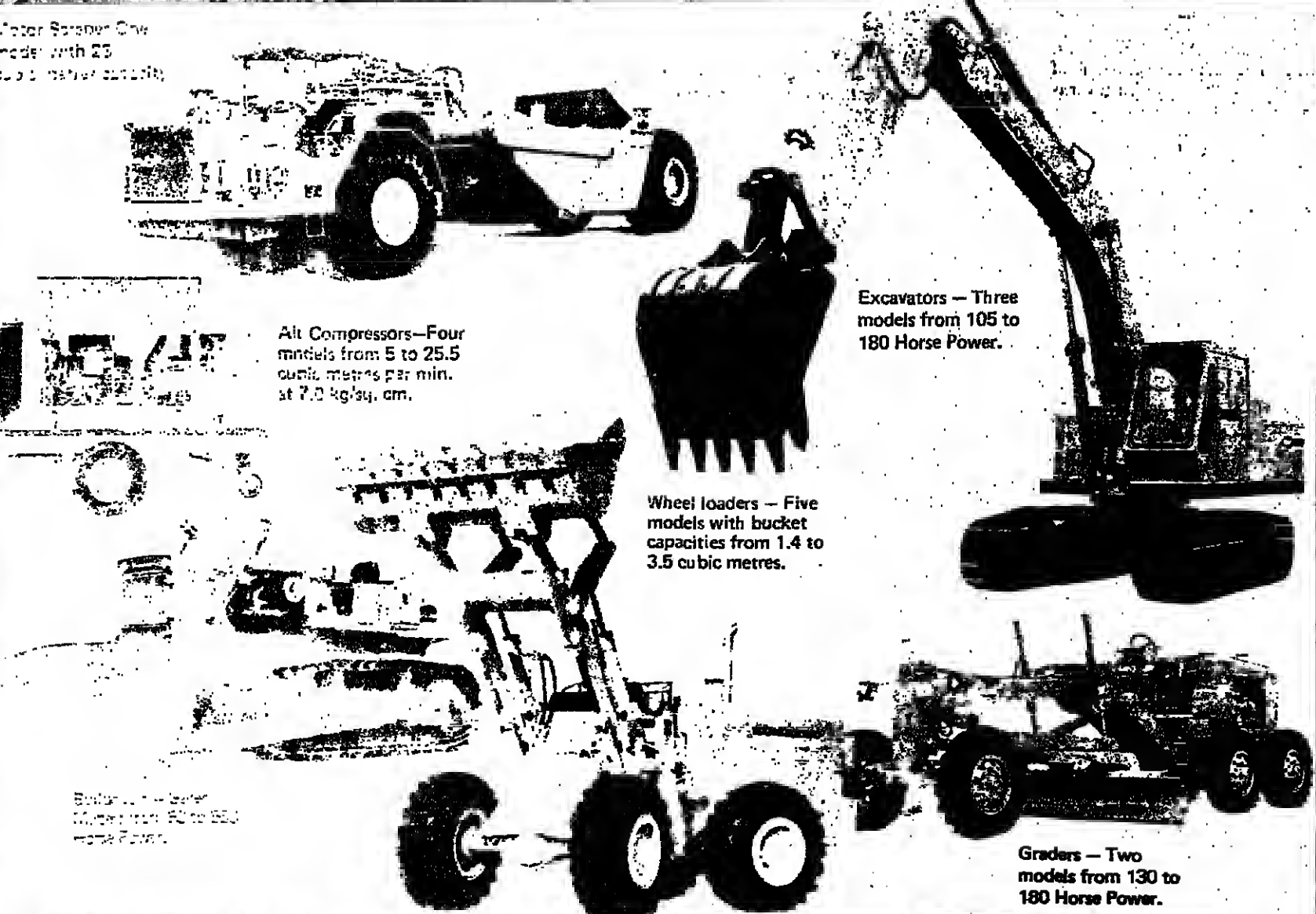
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Nakasone to raise defense spending

TOYAMA, Japan, Dec. 19 (AP) — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said Sunday he plans to increase Japan's defense expenditure by seven percent for fiscal 1983 to March 1984, to honor a Japanese pledge to the United States last year.

Nakasone, who succeeded Zenko Suzuki as prime minister in late November, said he did not intend to treat defense spending as "sacrosanct," but Japan had to take "appropriate" steps to maintain favorable international relations.

Nakasone noted that his predecessor Suzuki, in talks with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in May last year, pledged that Japan would make significant efforts to increase its defense capability.

The Suzuki administration had budgeted 2,500,000 million yen (about \$10,000 million) for defense in the current fiscal year. This was 0.93 percent of Japan's gross national product (GNP) and represented an increase of 7.56 percent from the previous fiscal year's defense budget.

If defense spending over fiscal year reached the seven percent level, as the United States has urged, it would amount to about 2,700,000 million yen (some \$10,800 million). Nakasone is to visit Washington in mid-January.

On Japan's trade frictions with the United States and West European countries, Nakasone said he was not considering a third series of market-opening measures. Instead, his government hoped to promote the market opening measures already initiated.

St. Kitts-Nevis is free next year

BASSETERRE, St. Kitts, Dec. 19 (AP) — After a 15-year transition period as an associated state, the former British colony of St. Kitts-Nevis will become an independent nation next September.

The announcement was made by Premier Kennedy Simmonds on his return Friday night from a two-week constitutional conference in London. The conference had been called at the request of St. Kitts-Nevis to finalize arrangements for the move to independence.

The opposition Labor Party delegation, led by former Premier Lee Moore, boycotted the closing session of the conference and refused to sign the final report.

On his arrival at Golden Rock International Airport, Simmonds hailed the London talks as "tremendously successful" and said his government had achieved its goals. Although the premier did not offer details of the accords reached with the British government, he had said on his departure for London Dec. 3 he expected to set a date for independence and discuss "final aid" for the former colony.

Simmonds told the cheering airport crowd that "the greatest day is yet to come... that is independence day." At a massive rally later in Pall Mall Square, the premier called on the population to "demonstrate maturity and move forward as one people."

The London conference that ended Thursday was the seventh round of talks since 1967 aimed at independence for the two eastern Caribbean islands with a combined population of about 60,000. All of the previous negotiations took place during Labor Party administrations.

Letters in Chinese press attack costly weddings

PEKING, Dec. 19 (AP) — Despite official demands for simple, economical weddings, Shanghai's top restaurants are serving wedding banquets totaling more than 2,000 tables a day and are booked up through next May, a letter to the editor says.

Another letter on the front page of the Shanghai newspaper *Liberation Daily*, from a man about to be married, complains he can't afford a fancy wedding, but because of social pressure can't afford not to have one.

The letters come amid China's wedding "high season," centered on the New Year and Lunar New Year holidays. The Lunar New Year will be on Feb. 13.

The first letter calculated the top restaurants' daily intake from wedding banquets at more than \$75,000.

Then, it added, there is the cost of taxis to pick up the bride and groom, wedding photographs at \$25 a set, rings, earrings and necklaces for the bride and perhaps a honeymoon trip.

An average Chinese worker makes about

\$33 a month. The arguments within families and between newlyweds over dealing with the financial burden often lead to tragedy, the letter said. Some grooms dash out to the men's room during the banquet to open gift envelopes of money to help pay the restaurant bill, it added.

Young people and their families argue that a wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime affair, and believe that staging the party in a prestigious restaurant will raise their social status, the letter said.

The letter from the groom-to-be said, "although various circles in society all are making propaganda for staging weddings in the new style, too few of them are giving young people any real support."

"New style" means simple and economical. Authorities have been promoting mass weddings to reduce the cost per couple and urging that banquets be eliminated. The man said his own parents, neighbors and co-workers all opposed such a plan.

Crime quadruples

Paris called burglary capital

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP) — Paris, where small and medium-sized crimes have quadrupled in the past two decades, has become the burglary capital of the world, according to a report from a mayoral commission on security. The report pointed out that the overall crime rate in France is still less than that in other major industrial countries, despite the high numbers for crimes like burglary.

The commission, presided by Gilbert Bonnemaison, the Socialist deputy mayor of Epinay-sur-Seine, near Paris, recommended a vast program of crime prevention at the local level. While 82 percent of the French felt insecure in 1976, three years later 88 percent were concerned for their safety, according to polls.

Over the past 20 years, crime has increased overall at an average annual rate of 8.3 percent. From 1963 to 1981, the French population increased by 13 percent but two major index figures for crime jumped by 322 and 273 percent, with the rise accentuated over the past three years.

Paris has been the worst hit by this change, followed by Bordeaux, Grenoble, Marseilles, Lyons and Toulouse. Also hard hit were vacation spots like Saint Tropez, where crime increased by 351.13 percent over the past

two decades to an average of 3.5 acts of crime per resident per year.

The Bonnemaison report failed to find a direct link between unemployment and crime. It did say that crimes against homes did not increase as much as robberies committed against parked cars or carried out with violence but without weapons.

Still, while the crime rate was 49 per thousand in 1980 in France, it was 52 per thousand in Britain, 55 in the United States, 61 in West Germany and 72 in Sweden.

And while more burglaries were committed in the French capital than in Los Angeles, New York, London, Chicago or Tokyo, Paris' crime rate was less than that in Copenhagen, Stockholm or Frankfurt.

But the Bonnemaison commission said that repression was already at its limit and that increasing the number of people jailed — more than 35,000 currently — would require an investment of about \$160 million a year, equal to the total budget of the Youth and Sports Ministry. The commission also said that despite almost 10,000 policemen hired over the past two years, only 15 percent of petty crimes were solved and 70 percent of complaints could not be answered.

Rights violations worry U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 19 (AP) — The United Nations General Assembly has adopted three resolutions expressing concern at human rights violations in Chile, El Salvador and Guatemala.

Several Latin American countries refused to join in the vote Friday night to protest the "singling out" of the three countries, pointing out that human rights were violated throughout the world. The resolutions on Chile and El Salvador were adopted with amendments presented by Mexico, which toughened the wording.

The vote on Chile was adopted after a lengthy debate by 85 votes to 17, with 41 abstentions. A Mexican amendment, supported by Algeria, Bolivia, Cuba and Yugoslavia, reinstated a paragraph calling on the U.N. human rights committee to extend the stay of its representative in Chile. The amendment was passed by 62 votes to 33, with 44 abstentions.

Chilean delegate Maoel Trucco denounced Mexican "demagoguery" and said his government would not cooperate with the

human rights envoys. The U.S. representative said the voting of the resolutions was not the best way to advance the human rights cause.

The envoy pointed out that the resolution ignored recent progress in Chile, such as a greater freedom of the courts and the creation of a committee to examine requests from Chilean exiles to return home. Britain and Canada objected to both the form and the substance of the Mexican amendments.

The resolution on El Salvador was passed by 71 votes to 18 and 55 abstentions, along with another Mexican amendment supported by France, Algeria, Greece, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

With the second amendment, the assembly "reiterated its appeal to the government and other political forces in El Salvador to jointly seek a global political solution to reach a peaceful arrangement and create the conditions for free and unhindered elections, in a climate free of intimidation and terror." The resolution also called for other states to refrain from interfering in El Salvador.

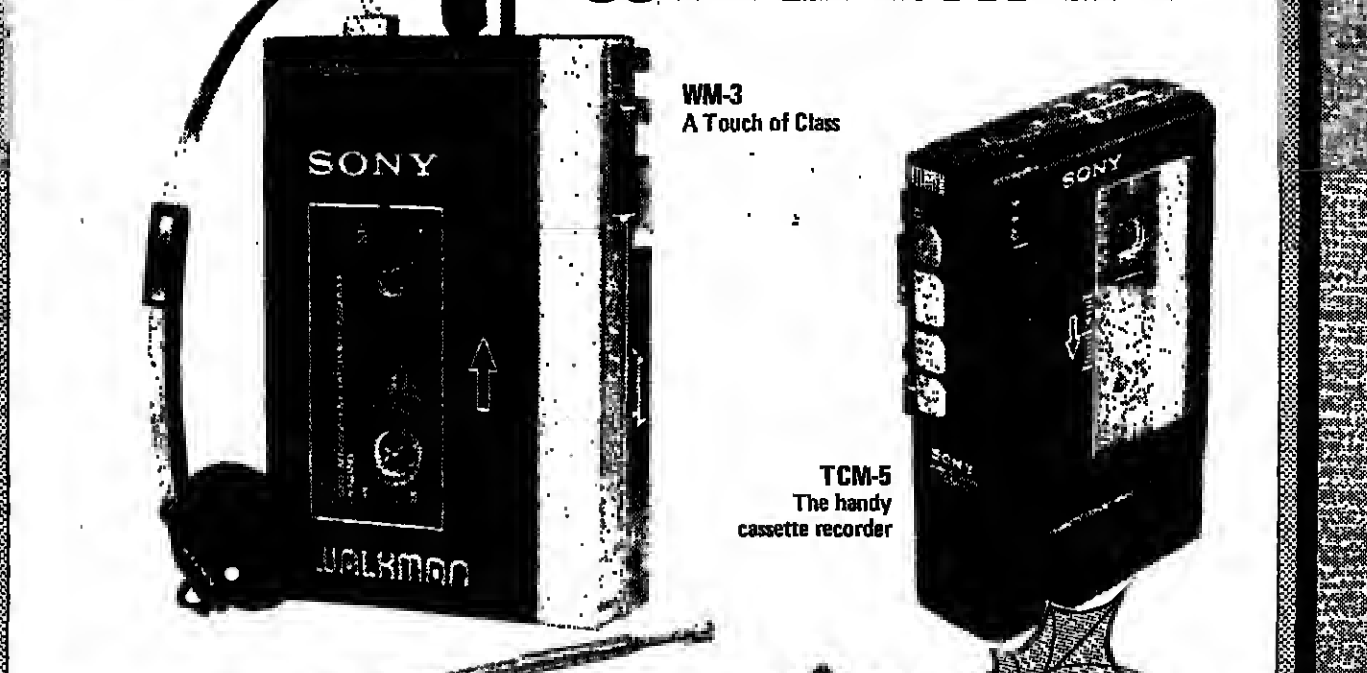
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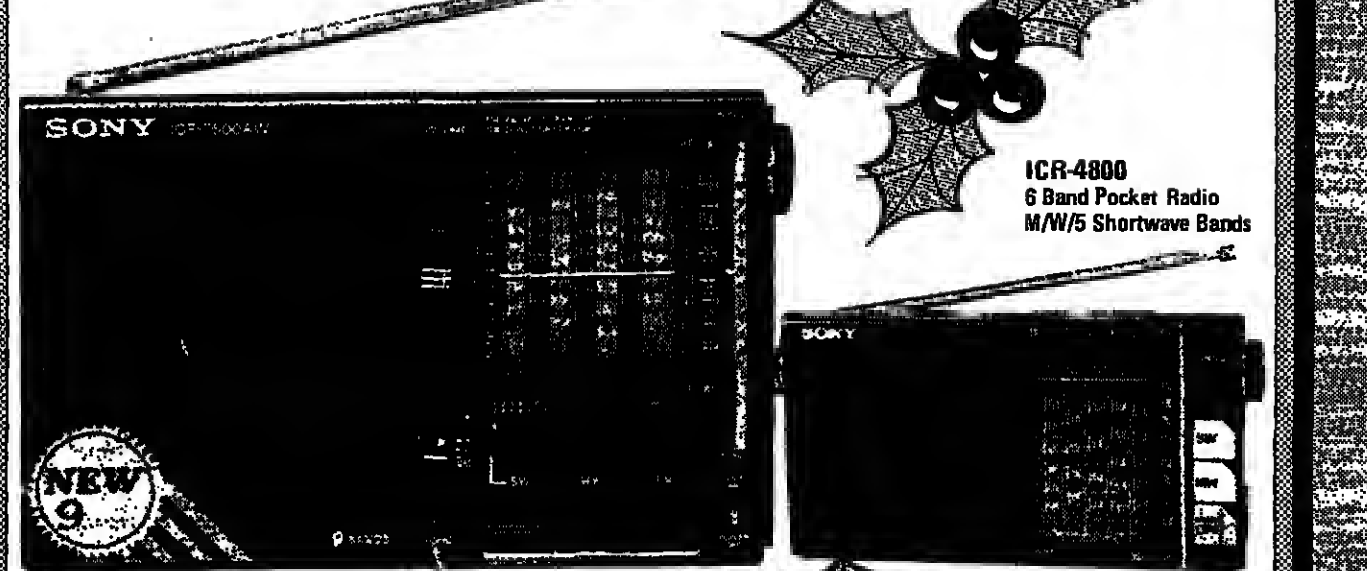
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Emergency expected to end in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Dec. 19 (AFP) — The emergency declared two months ago in Sri Lanka was expected to end at midnight Sunday night as the country readies itself for the first-ever national referendum Wednesday.

The referendum seeks approval for the extension of the term of the current parliament by another six years. The move, by the ruling United National Party (UNP), has been roundly condemned by an eight-party opposition front headed by former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike. The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) is also campaigning against the extension.

The emergency was invoked immediately after polling closed in the country's first presidential election on Oct. 20, won by President Junius Jayewardene, to prevent an escalation of violence between rival political factions. The government later claimed in parliament that sections of the rival Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) had planned to unleash violence.

The government charged that a group of "Naxalites" — a reference to a militant group at Naxalbari in India — had taken control of the SLFP which had lost its democratic character.

The government claimed that SLFP leader Mrs. Bandaranaike and her son Anura were also to be targets of the "Naxalite" group within the party.

It was alleged that violence had been planned two years ago, when Mrs. Bandaranaike was stripped of her civil rights and debarred from parliament. The opposition front led by Mrs. Bandaranaike has now accused the government and the ruling UNP of a calculated campaign to arbitrarily arrest and detain under emergency laws those campaigning against the referendum.

Thach hails Delhi stance on Cambodia

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach Sunday welcomed India's decision to invite neither rival Cambodian regime to the forthcoming nonaligned summit as he flew to Moscow at the close of a three-day visit. During his stay here the foreign minister discussed the summit and held talks on setting up a newly decided Indian-Vietnamese joint commission.

India has invited neither the Hanoi-backed Phnom Penh government nor the rival United Nations-recognized Democratic Kampuchea government led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk. "We appreciate India's stand very much," Thach said.

The Vietnamese minister added that he did not think the New Delhi summit was the proper forum to discuss the Cambodian issue. However, observers noted that the matter was likely to be raised as the majority of nonaligned members recognize the Democratic Kampuchea government.

Thach expressed satisfaction with a ten-year agreement signed with India for economic, technical and scientific cooperation and with the creation of a joint Indian-Vietnamese commission. The agreement ranges from transport and communications, particularly help in reconstructing Vietnam's railways, to mineral exploration, agriculture and trade.

About 30 senior Vietnamese officials will come to India each year for training, and 15 Indian scientists and experts will be sent to Vietnam. The commission will meet again in Hanoi in 1984.

Two-way trade deals for 1983 were fixed at \$12 million, to be paid in foreign currency. Indian credits to Vietnam for 1982 amount to \$10 million, bringing India's total credits to about \$180 million.

U.S. reviews place in IAEA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Chairman of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Hans Blix said here the United States was "reassessing" its continued participation in the IAEA following Israel's expulsion earlier this year.

He admitted U.S. withdrawal might cause financial difficulties for the agency. Hans Blix was addressing a press conference at the end of a week-long visit to India during which he had talks with Indian Atomic Energy Commission Chairman H.N. Sethna and toured various atomic projects.

Dr. Blix also answered questions on the recent Indo-French agreement for France to take over from the United States as suppliers of nuclear fuel for the Tarapur atomic power plant near Bombay. He said the agreement for the supply of enriched uranium would not change the application of IAEA safeguards on the project, which would continue up to 1993 as under the earlier agreement with the United States.

The United States had stopped supplying

the fuel with the Indian refusal to accept safeguards. It was only after some initial differences, mainly over safeguards, that France took the U.S. place on the eve of French President Francois Mitterrand's visit here in late November.

Dr. Blix said the IAEA had not yet received a formal request from India or France to produce safeguards for Tarapur. "but we assume we will be asked," he added. He said the IAEA imposed safeguards only by invitation. Dr. Blix explained the organization "is not a party to the London nuclear suppliers' club," which had strict safeguards.

He said he had been highly impressed by the "broad capacity of the Indian nuclear research programs." Asked if he was convinced the Indian program was peaceful, Dr. Blix said the agency has "no doubts" about it, as far as those facilities covered under India-IAEA agreements were concerned.

On the Kanpur reactor in Pakistan, he said IAEA suggestions to improve the safeguards had been accepted.

Former ANC leader assassinated

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 19 (AP) — A former leader of the African National Congress, who accused the group of terrorism when he appeared last March before a U.S. Senate panel, was assassinated at his home outside Johannesburg, police said Saturday.

They said Bartholomew Hlapane, 64, who testified in March before the Senate subcommittee on terrorism, died in an attack Thursday when an unknown black man forced his way into Hlapane's home and opened fire.

Police immediately blamed Congress guerrillas. No one claimed responsibility and police made no arrests. There were fears when Hlapane appeared in Washington that his words would mark him for death.

Hlapane's wife also was killed and his

14-year-old daughter suffered serious wounds in the attack at the family's home in the black township of Soweto, said police spokesman Col. Chris Coetzee.

Coetzee said police delayed announcing the attack while the case was being investigated. A one-time member of the executive committee of the Congress, Hlapane left the group in the late 1960s.

Testifying in March, Hlapane said he quit the Congress after it turned to armed attacks in its war to overthrow the white-minority government of South Africa.

Before quitting, Hlapane had been held under South Africa's wide-ranging detention laws, in which people can be jailed without charges for as long as security officials believe fit.

Surinam attacks Hague decision

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Dec. 19 (AP) — Charging the Netherlands with using a double standard in its foreign aid programs, Surinam's Commander in Chief Col. Desi Bouterse has vowed to continue his policy of nonalignment and resist "economic pressure" from abroad.

In a televised interview Friday night, the military leader was harshly critical of The Hague's decision to cut off some \$90 million a year in aid to the former Dutch colony after at least 15 prominent Surinamese accused of plotting a coup were shot to death Dec. 7. The United States has also indicated it is reviewing its aid to Surinam as a result of the shootings.

The military government imposed curfew, closed down newspapers and radio stations and sealed Surinam's borders following the arrests of the alleged conspirators.

Bouterse scoffed at the Dutch government's concern over human rights violations in connection with the shootings, charging the Netherlands with "racist treatment" of its some 40,000 Surinamese residents.

Bouterse said The Hague "apparently has two sets of weights and measures" in its aid programs to developing countries. He cited as examples Dutch aid to Chile, whose "military regime has killed thousands," and continuing diplomatic relations with the governments of South Africa and Israel.

The military leader said his government had used Dutch development aid well over the past three years, citing achievements in low-cost housing, schools, road-building and social welfare programs. "Admittedly there have been some mistakes but these do not give the Netherlands the right to stop development aid settled in agreements" between the two countries, Bouterse said.

Bouterse Saturday dismissed as fantasy reports of executions. He told the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) "those rumors are sent to the realm of fairy tales."

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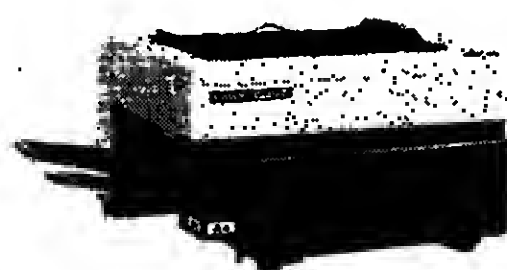
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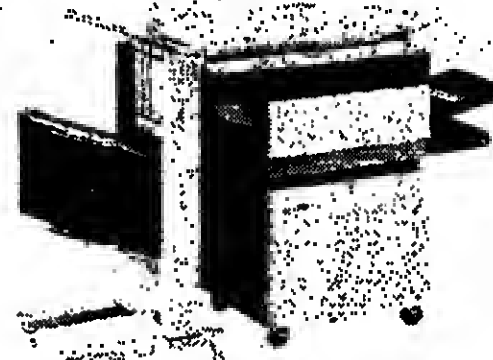
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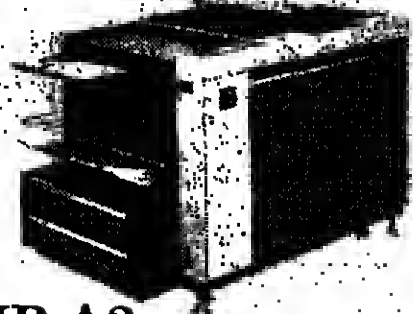
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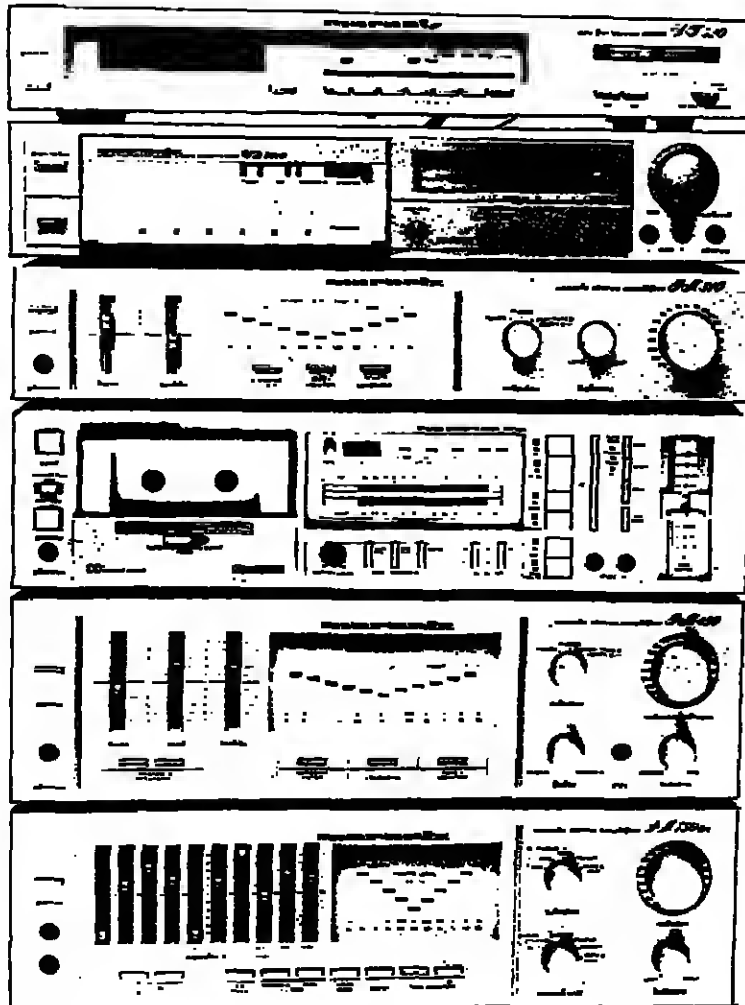


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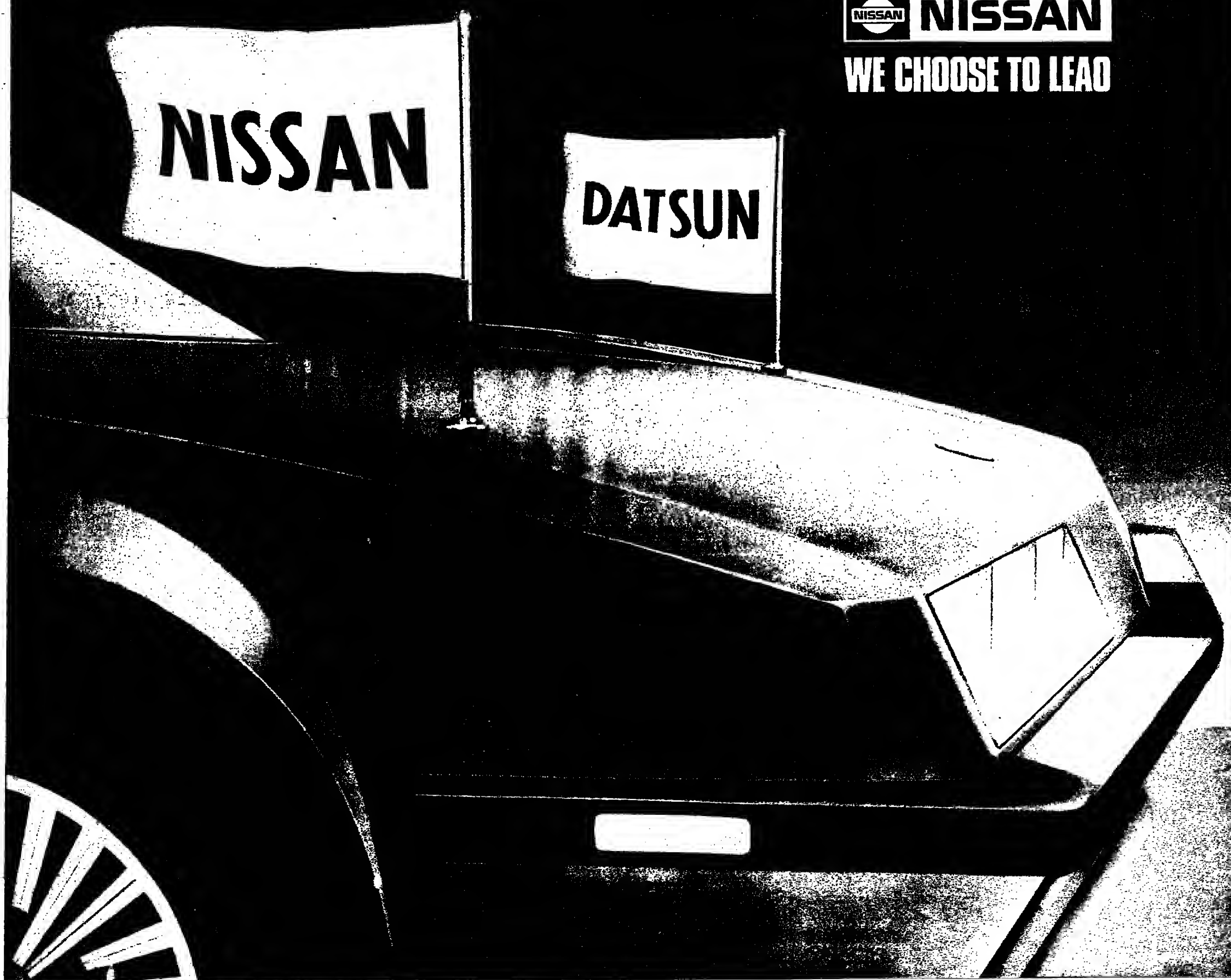
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POSITIVE STEPS

The groundwork is being laid for a solution which could result in the establishment of peace in the Middle East and the restoration of Palestinian rights to their own homeland. Current efforts now being made on this issue and the constructive steps taken recently are due to the precise preparations carried out by King Fahd when he initially suggested his peace plan which, with cooperation from those involved, would result in peace throughout the area. Even the King's plan has undergone some modification and clarification prior to being accepted by Arab leaders at the recent Fez summit meeting.

The second step along the road toward peace was the announcement by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, who told *Al-Nahar* magazine that an "agreement has been reached to form a confederation between Jordan and a future Palestinian state."

The occurrence of these two positive events has served notice to the entire world that, despite efforts to slow down or even reverse progress toward peace in the Middle East, it is quite possible for the Arab nation to concur on its own plan to solve existing problems without the interference of Western powers who, if anything, are only making the process harder to achieve due to their bias toward Israel.

True, there can be no peace in the Middle East, nor Palestinian statehood, nor the return of occupied Arab territories without some concession from Israel. Although at present any cooperation from Israel with an Arab state is, to put it mildly, unlikely, the presentation of an undivided front by the Arab world will in itself help to influence Israel's friends that their friendship is misguided and could be detrimental to their own interests.

The announcement by Yasser Arafat of an agreement with Jordan is indeed the beginning of the highway and the road could be a long and arduous one.

Now that the journey has been begun, it is essential for the Arab world not to lose sight of the final goal and at the same time to avoid the pitfalls on the way. A unified front, based on King Fahd's recommendations and constructive efforts must be continued through all adversities. Overcoming Israel, by applying pressure upon its supporters is the obvious way to insure a smooth passage toward that final goal, and if the entire Arab world supports such measures, the trip to that goal will be that much shorter and comfortable.

Saudi Arabian press review

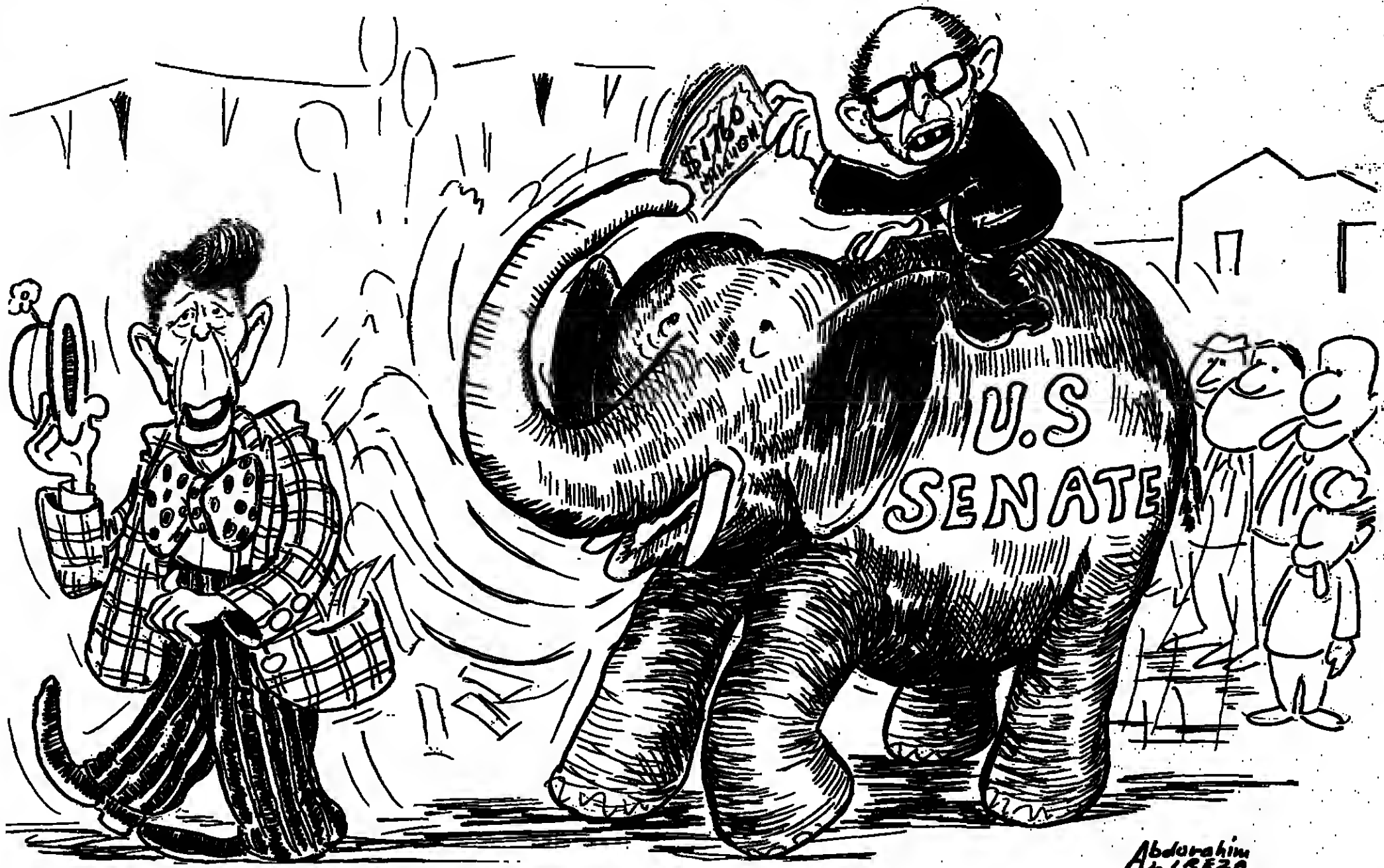
Al-Madina said Sunday the opening of the new King Khaled Military Academy for the National Guard was a great achievement in providing defenders of the homeland with modern scientific military knowledge and training them in modern sophisticated military strategies.

It said the new academy was a pride for all Saudis and reflected the determination of Saudi leaders to ensure the country's prosperity and development. *Okaz* said the new military academy was a milestone in developing the fighting abilities of the Saudi armed forces to defend their homeland and safeguard the Arab and Islamic nation's territories.

Al-Riyadh deplored the U.S. and in support of Israel despite its aggression in the Middle East and called on the U.S. administration to help efforts aimed at realizing a fair and lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The paper urged the American administration to take a practical and direct step toward this goal by recognizing the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people so as to break the Middle East stalemate and Israel's intransigence.

Al-Jazira strongly condemned the U.S. Senate decision to increase American aid to Israel. The paper said the Senate approval to increase the aid to Israel should be considered as a reward for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. Moreover, the Senate decision will encourage Israel to prolong its stay in Lebanon and finally establish a permanent military occupation of the country by blocking all efforts aimed at realizing a fair and durable solution to the Middle East conflict, it added. (SPA)



Shultz succeeds in achieving goal of European tour

By R. Gregory Nokes

LONDON — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz, returning to Washington Saturday after a 12-day tour of Europe, seems to have succeeded in his goal of stiffening allied resolve to proceed with plans to deploy new U.S. missiles in Europe starting next year.

In Belgium, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and the Netherlands, there were reaffirmations by the allies of the need to deploy new Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles, despite domestic anti-nuclear opposition. But in most places too, the feeling was also expressed that 1983 will be a difficult year yet for the Western alliance because of the controversy French President Francois Mitterrand said it could be the most difficult ever.

There were major anti-nuclear demonstrations in several European countries last week, including Britain, a reminder of trouble ahead when and if missiles actually are installed. In Britain, government leaders faced questioning from opposition members of parliament, as well as from the press, on why Britain won't have an equal say with the United States in deciding whether to fire missiles

based on British soil.

The missile plan is expected to be a major campaign issue in the parliamentary elections scheduled in West Germany March 6.

Shultz planned to return to Washington later Saturday after some final meetings here. During his trip, his first extended travel since taking over as secretary of state, he also visited Spain, which did not figure prominently in the missile decision.

In addition to rallying support for the missile plan, Shultz seemed to accomplish his other goals as well. These included getting the French to join a Western study aimed at forging a new trade strategy with the Soviet Union, buying time to settle a Transatlantic trade dispute on farm subsidies and reaffirmation of NATO backing for the U.S. negotiating strategy in arms control talks underway with the Soviets in Geneva.

U.S. negotiators are pushing President Reagan's plan to eliminate all nuclear missiles from Europe. This is known as the "zero option," and the Soviets aren't anywhere near accepting it. Although NATO ratified this approach, it is likely to settle on a compromise when and if the Soviets broach one that is considered adequate.

Another Shultz goal was to establish his own credentials as secretary of state since his predecessor, Alexander M. Haig, was highly regarded in Europe. The evidence shows Shultz succeeded here, too. British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym, who appeared with Shultz at a joint press conference Friday, said "Shultz has made a major mark upon the world... and he's certainly put his stamp on United States foreign policy."

Shultz, who returned 62 during the trip, also seemed to make a good impression in Paris, where he and French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson referred to each other during a press conference as "Claude" and "George" as they announced French participation in the Soviet trade studies. Paris-Washington relations had been strained.

But the challenge posed to the alliance by the missile plan is clearly the highest hurdle still ahead and Shultz argued the case for following through with it at every stop. To forego deployment of U.S. missiles, without Soviet concessions, would be tantamount to "appeasement," he said at a news conference in London.

The only way to get the Soviets to come up with an acceptable arms control agreement is to convince them the alliance intends to install its own

missiles. Shultz insisted in an interview in London Friday with American reporters who accompanied him on the trip. "The conviction I have run into throughout Europe, almost universal, is that Soviet attitudes will be a direct function of the reality of deployment... we have to proceed to do the things that we must do," Shultz said.

He replied simply "yes" when asked if he thinks the missiles actually will be installed, assuming there is no arms control agreement with the Soviets.

A senior British Foreign Office official agreed in an interview with American reporters, but made clear it won't be easy. He said the Reagan administration must convince Europeans it is doing its best to negotiate an arms agreement with the Soviets, while the Europeans must be firm in their commitment to deploy.

Of the five nations that are supposed to take the missiles, West Germany, Italy and Britain will follow through "if there is no major hiccup." There is less certainty about the other two, the Netherlands and Belgium, but they may also take the weapons, he said. "The emotions are containable with the right explanation and emphasis that it is a strategy of peace in which we are engaged," said the official, who didn't want to be identified. (AP)

Italy's relations with Eastern Bloc worsen

By John Winn Miller

ROME — Italy's relations with the Eastern Bloc, already strained by allegations of Bulgarian involvement in the shooting of the pope, have reached a new low after the expulsion of a second Soviet official.

For days, Italian newspapers in banner headlines have said a full-scale cold war has broken out between Italy and the Soviet Bloc. They have suggested that the Communist countries were bent on destabilizing Italy by organizing or inspiring terrorist acts like the attempted papal assassination and the kidnapping of a U.S. general and massive arms and drugs smuggling.

Italy recalled its ambassador to Bulgaria last week after the Communist country's envoy to Rome returned home, and Premier Amintore Fan-

fani said it could be some time before the Italian ambassador returns.

The latest blow came Friday night. Soviet Embassy officials insisted that Lt. Col. Ivan Chelak, an aide to the Soviet military attaché, left Friday because his term of duty was over and the Italian Foreign Ministry refused any comment. But Italian newspapers and diplomatic sources said Chelak returned to Moscow after receiving an expulsion order from the Italian government. The Italian news agency ANSA said Chelak had been expelled for "activities incompatible with his diplomatic position."

Italian newspapers speculated Saturday that Chelak was involved in spying and that his expulsion was not related to allegations that the Soviet Union used Bulgarian agents to engineer the assassination attempt against Pope Paul by Turkish ter-

rorist Mehmet Ali Agca.

Valery Bibikov, who worked at the Soviet consulate in Turin, was expelled earlier this month for espionage, according to Italian papers. In the latest case, the Soviet denied he was expelled and the Italian Foreign Ministry refused comment.

The Turin daily *La Stampa* said the expulsions show how seriously Italy's relations with the Soviet Bloc had deteriorated. It said they were also a sign that the Italian government had decided to take a "harder attitude" toward the Eastern Bloc. The Christian Democrat government has been accused by the Socialists, the second largest party in Fanfani's four-party coalition, of being too soft in its dealings with the Soviet Bloc.

Asked by Milan's *Corriere Della Sera* about the growing tensions, Soviet Ambassador Nikolai

Lunkov said the problems would go away if the "slandorous inventions" against the Soviet Bloc ended.

However, he warned that the Italian government "does not adopt the necessary measures... then there could remain some traces of what is happening," an apparent reference to strained relations. Italy's relations with Bulgaria and the whole Soviet Bloc will be the subject of a parliamentary debate Monday, the first test for Fanfani's coalition.

The "cold war" erupted in late November when Italian police arrested Sergei Ivanov Antonov, station chief of the Bulgarian state airlines, and charged him with complicity in the assassination attempt. They later issued an arrest warrant against a Bulgarian embassy employee and wanted to question another Bulgarian official who had diplomatic immunity. (AP)

Lebanon refugees spurn U.N. housing offer

By Robert Cockburn

AIN HELWEH, South Lebanon — The misery of 40,000 Palestinians in the Ain Helweh camp in South Lebanon left homeless by the Israeli invasion is worsening as winter storms turn their camp into a cold quagmire.

But the refugees want it this way, deliberately

Letter to the editor

Social Insurance

Sir, The Social Insurance Scheme of the Kingdom is very good but there is hardly any gain for the expatriates. Most of the expatriates who work in Saudi Arabia are on short-term assignments though in some cases the contracts are renewed. Even then, most of the expatriates return to their countries after a few years because of difficulty in getting family visas and educational problems.

Trained and educated Saudi Nationals are fast replacing the expatriates in many fields and the chance of the expatriates, especially Asians, staying for a long time in the Kingdom is remote. Therefore, the question of their staying up to their 58th birthday to qualify for social insurance benefits can be ruled out.

Most of the Asian countries have the provident fund schemes and employees contribute from 5 to 10 percent. The employer also contributes and when he leaves the job — either by retirement or otherwise — he is paid the total amount accumulated in the fund. The employees also get gratuity depending on the length of service.

I request the social insurance authorities to amend the existing rules to help the expatriates who work in the Kingdom for a short period. It will also reduce the burden on the organization to keep the account for a long time.

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resisting offers of better shelter. Despite discomfort and growing health risks, most say they will continue to reject United Nations efforts to rehouse them as a protest against their uncertain future in the south. While Israel and Lebanon are deadlocked over withdrawal, the Palestinians survive in the crumbling remains of breeze-block houses and queue for water at standpipes, the women worried that the few men still to be seen will be picked up by Israeli patrols.

A dejected Denis Brown, American director of the U.N. Relief Works Agency in Sidon, showed little enthusiasm for the latest shelter scheme introduced a few weeks ago. When UNRWA set up tents here in the autumn, they were slashed and burnt by refugees who saw the cramped canvas as acceptance of their insecure status. Brown doesn't like to be reminded of the local stigma attached to UNRWA, that its services have excluded the world from finding a permanent Palestinian home. The camp dwellers now feel they have less to cling to than when they were made refugees in 1948. "After the burning and slashing of the tents, my reaction was extreme disappointment," Brown said. "I agree the tents weren't the best accommodation. I don't know if the new approach will work. I was wrong the last time."

The new deal is to provide each family with \$500 and 10 bags of cement donated by an Israeli charity to build a house on a cleared plot — without knowing how long they might be allowed to stay in Sidon. Brown's worst fears were confirmed around the camp the day the scheme was announced. "We would all be much happier to leave this place, but to go where?" said Hajjar, whose father is one of 6,000 men still in the Israeli prison camp at Ansar. "There is no protection without the men."

"For us it will be worse if the Israelis leave because that would leave only the Phalangists. There could be another massacre like Sabra and Shatila. Anyway, \$500 is not enough to build a house for a big family in the winter. In summer we can sleep on the roof," UNRWA calculates the cash

will buy materials to construct a two-room house but says there are up to 20 persons in a family. Relief workers in Ain Helweh say there are now as many as 40 persons to a room.

Yet while Denis Brown expected trouble from the refugees, the first obstacle came from the Israelis. The night before the scheme started, UNRWA's financial clerk was arrested in an Israeli round-up; a "crucial coincidence" a foreign nurse pointed out, as the clerk was the only man who knew the combination to the safe which held the scheme's cash. "It makes it very difficult without him," Brown said returning from the Israeli military headquarters having failed to win his release. "There are 107 UNRWA staff in Israeli detention and we are urging them to let them go."

Where areas of bombed houses have been flattened for reconstruction, a few people who do wish to build have grabbed chunks of land much larger than the marked plots. It will take some time to measure response to the scheme but as the problems mount, Brown will soon be leaving Ain Helweh, relieved to get back to his regular and less troublesome post in the Gaza Strip camps.

He leaves behind not only a frightened Palestinian population but Lebanese Muslims extremely nervous of the rise to power by the rightwing Christian Phalangists and the Israeli-backed militia of Saad Haddad. Last Friday, the U.S. State Department made an urgent call for Israel to withdraw from Lebanon, but a withdrawal without the massive international support President Gemayel has asked for would spell disaster in the south.

Negotiations have yet to start between Lebanon and Israel. Israel wants political issues discussed, still pressing in the background for a peace treaty with Lebanon. President Gemayel, with U.S. support, insists talks be based on Lebanon's sovereignty in the south, and be limited at this stage to a military pull-out. The stalemate suggests to many here that Israel's stay will be a long one, and people talk of the new "West Bank" in Lebanon. (ONS)

Today is Monday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1982. There are 11 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:
1712 — Swedes defeat Danes at Gadebusch, Poland.

1803 — Flag-raising ceremony at New Orleans marks official transfer of Louisiana purchase from France to United States.

1852 — British forces annex Pegu, Lower Burma, in war with Burmese.

1912 — London peace conference between Turkey and the Balkan states.

1928 — Britain recognizes ranking Kuomintang government of China.

1954 — France sends 20,000 troops to Algeria.

1957 — European nuclear energy agency is inaugurated.

1962 — Dominican Republic holds first free elections in 38 years.

1970 — Wladyslaw Gomulka resigns as head of Communist Party in Poland after a week of rioting over food prices.

1973 — Spain's Premier Luis Carrero Blanco is killed when assassins bomb his car in Madrid.

1976 — Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin resigns after losing his government's slim margin of parliamentary seats.

1979 — First contingent of Commonwealth peacekeeping troops flies into Salisbury on eve of ceasefire signing in seven-year-old Rhodesian war.

1981 — Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin accuses administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan of treating Israel like a "vassal state" following U.S. suspension of strategic cooperation pact due to Israel's annexation of Golan Heights.

Thought for today:

What on earth would man do with himself if something did not stand in his way? — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1866-1946).

U.K. bids farewell to Vulcan bombers

By Leslie Dowd

LONDON (R) — The Vulcan bomber, reprieved during the Falklands War to fly its first hostile missions in 25 years with the British Air Force, has been withdrawn from front-line service. In a ceremonial farewell last Friday, four Vulcans were scrambled to fly over a string of Air Force bases which once had been home to the big V-bombers dubbed the "flying triangles."

The four-engined Vulcan, built by Hawker Siddeley, was a revolutionary aircraft when it made its maiden flight 30 years ago as the world's first delta-winged bomber. It went into service with the Air Force in 1957 and was finally being sidelined earlier this year when the Falklands conflict intervened.

The Vulcan was pressed into hostile action for the first time after Argentine troops captured the far-flung Falkland Islands, a disputed British colony in the South Atlantic. Two V-bombers flew separate night raids from a mid-Atlantic base on Ascension Island to try to deny Argentine forces the use of the only airport at the capital, Port Stanley.

Their mission was to blow craters in the runway with 450-kg bombs, but they were only partly successful. The first Vulcan left one big hole in the 1,300-meter airstrip but the second missed and during Argentine pilots still flew Hercules transport planes in at night. Nevertheless the 13-hour 11,000-km trip from Ascension, with refueling by Victor air tankers, was a notable aviation achievement. A third Vulcan, however, was forced to land in Brazil short of fuel after missing a rendezvous with a tanker.

Last week's ceremonial flight was led by one of the planes from the Stanley raids which will now be parked at the gate of Waddington airfield in eastern England, the main Vulcan base.

The last Vulcan was built in 1965 and 48 remain in existence. Some had already been sold for scrap or earmarked for military museums in April when Argentina seized the Falklands. The Vulcan's bomb bays, built to carry a nuclear payload, were hastily converted to take conventional bombs — three sticks of seven 1,000-pound bombs.

And, instead of training on the new supersonic Tornado strike jets, Vulcan crews found themselves practicing air refueling and bombing runs over the North Sea. Designers began working on the forerunner to the Vulcan as soon as World War II ended. They set out to build a high-flying-speed bomber which deliver the new atomic bomb, born out of the war.

The Vulcan prototype produced by Avro Aviation, long since a part of state-owned British Aerospace, was a show-stopper at Farnborough, able to fly at 15,000 meters at 1,000 kph an hour.

Avro chief test pilot R.J. "Roly" Falk put the 80-ton aircraft through a slow roll, an aerobatic stunt not previously associated with bombers. The Vulcan, with a wing length of 29.6 meters was capable of carrying a nuclear bomb 2,800 kms to target.

But in 1967 the Vulcan lost its prime role as the standard-bearer of Britain's strategic nuclear deterrent to a new fleet of four nuclear submarines, which could launch Polaris intercontinental missiles from underwater safety.

As early as 1963, radar improvements forced British defense chiefs to accept that the Vulcan had little hope of reaching its target unless it dodged under enemy radar — so the white bombers were repainted in green and gray camouflage. Vulcans still had plenty of service ahead of them, however. They were redeployed as tactical nuclear strike jets that in wartime would bomb mass troop formations and enemy rear areas. This role is now being taken over by the swing-wing Tornado multi-role jet, developed by Britain, West Germany and Italy.

Britain has ordered 385 of these versatile superjets which can deliver nuclear bombs as well as act as conventional ground-attack planes and fighter-interceptors.

In their long life, Vulcans were also used for reconnaissance. North Sea oil rig patrols and as flying testbeds. Even now, six are being converted into refueling tankers as a stopgap until new wide-bodied Lockheed Tristar jets ordered for this role come into service in a few years' time.



WINGED HORSE: The three-meter-high copper Pegasus, with wings of sparkling mosaic, crystals and gold, is a masterpiece by Andrew Logan. This was included by the London Crafts Council in its recent exhibition of some 500 art works done by Britain's contemporary craftsmen.

Danish lake full of Nazi secrets

By Andrew Brown

COPENHAGEN (LOS) — Documents hidden in a Danish lake by German occupation forces at the end of World War II may reveal secrets dangerous even now.

Divers attempting to retrieve them from Ormsø Lake claim to have been fired on from the shore, apparently by a former Danish collaborator trying to prevent the unpleasant details of his wartime past from surfacing. They also claim their marking buoys have been shifted by a group of Germans who were attracted by the publicity generated by the first incident.

Neither of these incidents have been formally reported to the police, who first learned of them, says a spokesman, from the television screen. The divers have been asked to report any further problems. The lake has

been cordoned off to allow them to work undisturbed.

The cache of documents in sealed ammunition boxes was discovered by a local man, Jan Hoieo Kristensen, who was diving in his spare time. He is a naval diver by profession.

Ormsø Lake is close to the wartime headquarters of the German Army at Silkeborg and local residents remember boatloads of German soldiers throwing packages into the lake in the last confused week between the capitulation in Germany and the formal surrender of the German Army in Denmark.

Hoieo Kristensen's discovery intrigued the Museum of the Resistance in Copenhagen, which arranged for him to investigate the finds officially with other naval divers. Only small quantities of documents have been brought to the surface so far but the divers

expect to continue their work.

Arms and uniforms have also been found but it is the documents that seem most interesting. The Nazi occupation in Denmark was not nearly as ghastly as in some other countries, nor was it followed by such orgies of revenge. At least one temporary collaborator had an influence on Danish politics which remains important today.

Askel Larsen, then a Communist prominent in the Resistance, was captured by the Gestapo in 1943 and told them what he knew. In 1960 he left the Communists to found the Socialist People's Party, Euro-Communist or perhaps Benetton before its time, which remained the most important opposition party to the left of the Social Democrats, with 21 seats out of 179 in the Danish Parliament. Larsen died in 1965.

Sri Lanka's poll winners and losers

By Arjuna

MANILA (Depthnews) — Pity the American embassy official who was asked to leave Sri Lanka. It seems that in a party, he predicted that the island's incumbent president will not be re-elected.

But there are the lucky ones, placing their predictions a few points off the winning figure, and came home a little richer. In fact, 15,000 rupees (\$720) richer, as one man predicted President Jayewardene will get 3,450,808 votes. The president did win by 3,450,811 votes. A few days later, another competitor won 10,000 rupees (\$480) for a near miss at the exact figure.

But to begin with, in a competition among readers of the Lake House group of newspapers, they were asked to predict the chances of candidates in the recent presidential elections. One and a quarter million Sri Lankans promptly became fortune tellers, 94.3 percent of them predicting victory for J.R. Jayewardene. Only 52,000 entries predicted victory for Hector Kobbekadu, the candidate of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the nearest rival to the incumbent.

The predictions were printed in all three languages of the newspaper group, in Sinhala, Tamil and English. It was thus of public record, for instance, that three per-

sons predicted Jayewardene will get 3,450,801. They divided the 25,000 rupees (\$1,200) prize money among themselves.

The Lake House group did a complete computer analysis of the predictions, and in every district Jayewardene was picked as the winner by about 82 percent of the amateur-or-otherwise fortune tellers. In the majority of districts, more than 90 percent favored the president.

Predicting fortunes to come is nothing new in Sri Lanka where everyday life is closely associated with the superstitious and the signs of fate. In 1977, independent newspapers conducted a similar survey which predicted Jayewardene's party will get over 90 percent of the contested seats. The prediction was right.

This time, the independent newspapers also carried out a poll survey, again showing that Jayewardene will win. The readers also came fairly close to the percentage of votes he would receive, predicting he would get 54 percent. He did receive 52.9 percent.

Hand in hand with the look in the crystal ball is the transfer of material, wealth from rice bowl to rice bowl. Private betting reached dizzying heights during the presidential elections.

From 10 rupee (\$0.48) notes and the cheapest of things, the bets soared to brand

new Mitsubishi cars and houses. In between were Honda motor bikes just off the assembly line, varying pieces of jewelry and even an unconfirmed report that one film producer wagered the newest film he made.

Crisp currency notes changed hands everywhere and many people did indeed keep their bets. There was the case of a *madalali*, as the local businessmen are called, who arrived with a shining new Japanese car and a bagful of 500,000 rupees (\$23,925). He winner saw to it what this unusual occasion was recorded for posterity. He had a photographer ready when the loser came along. Firecrackers split the air, as the loser handed over his car and cash and took off in a taxi.

Then there were two other *madalalis* who had deposited thousands of rupees with a lawyer. When they won and lost, they also drove to a studio to have themselves photographed. All in good spirit it was. And anyway these businessmen will make good the losses in no time at all.

The bets reached fever pitch in Ratnapura, the city of gems, where even if the roads are not paved with precious stones, every riverbed and ordinary piece of land throws up jewels. Many a gem of purest ray changed hands on the historic day when Jayewardene was re-elected president.

Greeting cards help millions of poor children

By Claude Fillet

GENEVA (R) — At this time of year greeting cards may clog the mails but many of them also help millions of children throughout the world.

One of the best-known card sellers, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), raises between \$16 million and \$20 million every year on the sale of more than 117 million cards. The money is then used for projects to help children in developing countries with the basic services they need and protect them against hunger, disease and ignorance.

UNICEF cards have become big business, compared with their modest beginnings, officials said. In 1950, UNICEF made the small sum of \$4,200 on the sale of 130,000 cards. The U.N. body relies on voluntary contributions, mostly from governments. In 1981, the income from the cards represented the third largest single contribution.

Along with nutrition, health and education programs, projects for safe water supplies, which an estimated 80 percent of the Third World's rural population lack, are high on the list of priorities.

Last year UNICEF helped install some 70,000 water systems in 94 countries, benefiting about 18 million people. On the whole, UNICEF cooperates with more than 110 countries with a child population of about 1.3 billion. In Europe alone, 67 million cards were sold last year, about 60 percent of the world total.

Initially two persons, one in New York and the other based in Geneva, select art works and visit museums, art galleries and artists' studios all over the world. Eventually, cards are selected at a meeting of UNICEF's national committees. Designs are all donated, and some artists, including Raoul Dufy, Henri Matisse, Juan Miro, Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali, gave original paintings. "Matisse did a special 'Torch of Peace,' for us shortly before he died in 1954, and Salvador Dali gave us an angel," says Jack Mayer, who has been select-

ing art works for UNICEF for 15 years.

UNICEF has been given reproduction rights of pictures in most of the world's leading art museums and has approached children's book illustrators. "It is very difficult to find a good drawing," Mayer said.

"Therefore we contact many illustrators, because they are accustomed to working on a given theme and given form which can be reduced to our size," he said. About 900 color slides of art works are presented to an art committee, which makes recommendations to the national committees.

"Our work for children really appeals to artists," Mayer says. "It also provides the artists with a unique opportunity to make their work known as the cards go to more

than 150 countries," he said. "In the initial selection, many art works are eliminated from the outset. For example you can see a beautiful snow scene and then notice in a corner a man with a rifle on his shoulder. That's out, because any kind of firearm is out for the United Nations."

Since 1949, when a seven-year-old Czechoslovak girl gave a painting to thank UNICEF for helping her war-devastated village, designs from more than 80 countries have been used.

UNICEF has started to encourage the production of greeting cards in developing countries by launching a project in Nepal. The project will allow some 2,000 families to improve their income.

DONT BLAME THE POTATO

Dear Dr. Steiner: My wife has tried scores of reducing diets. None have helped. She still can't lose weight. I tell her that no diet will do her any good if she keeps on eating at least two potatoes a day. She says she can't live without potatoes. She used to smoke. She says giving up potatoes would be more difficult than quitting cigarettes. How can she expect to lose, if she keeps on eating potatoes? — Mr. J.

Dear Mr. J.: If I ever heard of innocence betrayed, your insistence that your wife exclude potatoes from her diet leads the list. I think you'll have to look elsewhere for the cure of your wife's problem of obesity. Somewhere else, somehow, she is taking in excess calories daily. It's not the potato itself that should be avoided; it's "what's on top." Large gobs of butter or potato smothered in cream?

While adding up calories, remember that a medium-sized potato furnishes only about 100 calories. Added butter or cream may double or triple the caloric value of the potato. It should not be excluded from the diet. It contains large amounts of niacin and iron, as well as vitamin C and B6. Mr. J., suggest that you (and your wife) look elsewhere for the origin of excess poundage.

MEDICALETTES
(Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steiner: I prefer not to take any kind of medicine that's supposed to take the place of fiber in my diet. What foods are high in fiber? — Mrs. G.

STOP KILLING YOURSELF

Dear Mrs. G.: You might have to eat larger amounts of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, etc., that sometimes cause excess gas and intestinal discomfort. Do you consider bran a medicine? If you added a few table-spoonful of bran you would not need to force yourself to eat large amounts of fiber foods.

Dear Dr. Steiner: What are the chances of a 35-year-old woman giving birth to a child with an abnormality? — Mrs. Y.

Dear Mrs. Y.: According to one statistical study, about six women of 35 years of age out of every thousand give birth to children with birth defects.

Dear Dr. Steiner: I've been concerned since the doctor took my last electrocardiogram. He says that there's a minor change since last year. Nothing to worry about, he says. As usual, he doesn't have to see me for another year. Shouldn't I be checked more often now? — Mr. C.

Dear Mr. C.: The very fact that he doesn't want to see you earlier should prove that he doesn't consider the change of any significance. It's not unusual for an apparently healthy person to have "minor" changes in the ECG that don't require special care.

(Tomorrow: Snack-snack-snack.)



PEACE MARCHERS: Dutch peace marchers putting up signs reading "Nuclear Free-Community" at the Amsterdam city limits.

To run U.S. departments

Republican senator holds up funding bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — With the U.S. government powerless to spend money, a lone conservative Republican senator held up the passage Sunday of an emergency funding bill to run its programs and departments.

North Carolina Senator John East, who is crippled from polio, started his speech from a wheelchair Saturday night and threatened to continue all night.

The filibuster was his way of voicing opposition to President Reagan's plan to raise petrol taxes by five cents a gallon to finance a highway repair program.

He began speaking just as the Senate was about to vote on the emergency bill which would restore the government's legal authority to spend money.

Its bonding authority lapsed at midnight on Friday night while the Senate was still debating the bill and the government immediately ordered its agencies to start closing non-essential services.

The bill includes for production funds for the MX missile system on the condition that Congress must approve a system for deploying the weapon, as well as a \$1.2 billion public

works scheme to create jobs.

The bill must still be reconciled with a different version passed by the House of Representatives which Reagan says he will veto because it contains a \$5.4 billion job creation program.

But unless final agreement on a bill acceptable to the president can be reached before Monday, the working of many government departments — defense, law enforcement and safety are exempt — will be halted.

East, who argues that a recession is not the time to increase taxes on working people, was a party to a previous filibuster over Reagan's petrol tax plan.

The filibuster sidetracked the issue while the Senate took up the emergency funding bill, but East said he wanted to block the bill's passage to prevent it being renewed.

Congress had planned to adjourn for the year Friday but could not meet the deadline because of lengthy debates in the Senate, which has no strict procedural rules. It is often called the "world's greatest deliberative body" because it allows virtually unlimited debate.

China sets farm sights high

PEKING, Dec. 19 (R) — China Sunday announced ambitious agricultural and industrial targets for 1983, including plans for record production of grain, cotton, sugar and coal.

Peking is stressing grain output in order to feed its one billion population, while also boosting cash crops to raise peasants' living standards.

The New China News Agency (NCNA) said China planned to grow 342.5 million tons of grain next year, 7.5 million tons or 2.24 percent above the 1982 estimate of 335 million, itself a record. Chinese grain figures include soybeans and pulses.

Cotton production was expected to rise to 3.37 million tons, 2.1 percent above this year's 3.3 million record crop, it added. The sugar target was 3.7 million tons, 8.2 percent over the 1982 record.

NCNA said planned coal production for 1983 was 670 million tons, about three percent up on this year's record output which it put at 650 million tons.

Crude oil output would remain stable at two million barrels per day, it added. China is intensively searching for further offshore and onshore oil reserves as deposits now being

exploited become exhausted.

Foreign companies are expected to start drilling for offshore oil next year, although it will not come on stream in large quantities until the end of the decade. NCNA said steel output next year would fall to 35.5 million tons, one million less than the estimated 1982 figure.

China is curbing steel production as part of its economic retrenchment program, with its emphasis on light rather than heavy industry.

The official agency stated that heavy industry had recovered fast after two years of retrenchment, with total output value expected to rise nine percent this year over 1981.

Light industry has registered its fourth consecutive rise, growing by 5.1 percent in output value in 1982, it added.

Electricity output in 1983 is targeted at 338 billion kilowatt-hours, four percent above last year, while production of chemical fertilizers is planned at 12.55 million tons, about the same as this year, NCNA said.

Chinese economists say output value figures, unlike Western gross national product statistics, exclude service industries, which are growing fast in China.

Canada firm on continuing hunting seals

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (R) — Canada, undaunted by West European moves to stop importing baby seal skins, has refused to call off its controversial seal hunt and is instead looking for new markets for the pelts.

Small Business Minister Bill Romke said a special task force would search for possible markets for seal products in Canada, the Far East and the Eastern bloc.

Environment ministers from the European Economic Community, under strong public pressure over Canada's annual cull, agreed in Brussels Saturday that their 10 countries would act to halt the import of seal skins.

Thomas Roberts of the Canadian Sealers Association said their decision was a big blow which would hurt the seal industry. "But we are going to put up a big fight. We are still going to have a 1983 seal industry," he said.

The agreement by the EEC, which takes 70 percent of Canada's seal pelts, will apply pending an investigation into the yearly clubbing of about 200,000 baby harp and hooded seals off Newfoundland.

But a Canadian fisheries department spokesman said: "There is no doubt the hunt will go on. The problem is the bad market." Roberts suggested that Canada, which lets EEC states catch 17,000 tons of fish a year in its waters, should retaliate. "We've got to do something to get back at them if they don't want our seal skins. We should not let them take fish from our waters," he said.

Newfoundland Fisheries Minister Jim Morgan said campaign by environmentalists in Western Europe had successfully stirred up public resistance to the 400-year-old sealing trade.

Defends industrial plan

Grow more food--Ceausescu

BUCHAREST, Dec. 19 (AP) — President Nicolae Ceausescu declared Saturday that every peasant "can get rich" by producing more, but made no specific mention of widespread food shortages that have Romanians lining up overnight for meat.

Addressing 3,396 delegates on the closing day of the Romanian Communist Party's first conference since 1977, Ceausescu also said that everyone who has land, including intellectuals, must work it. "no matter what its size."

Resolutions adopted by the delegates included one promoting nine people to full membership in the party central committee, including Ceausescu's 29-year-old son.

Ex-Bonn minister 'received bribe'

BONN, Dec. 19 (APF) — West Germany's economy minister in the mid 1970s — Hans Friderichs who is now head of the Dresdner Bank — received a bribe of 365,000 marks (\$146,000) for arranging tax concessions for the Flick industrial group, *Der Spiegel* weekly magazine alleged Sunday.

The Dresdner Bank is West Germany's second biggest bank, and the concession allegedly arranged by Friderichs was worth 450 million marks (\$175 million) to the Flick group, the independent Hamburg based magazine charged.

The report included documents, among them a list of figures prepared by Flick Director Rudolf Diehl referring to a sum of 365,000 marks paid in six installments between 1972 and 1977 for the benefit of the economy minister. Friderichs held the economy portfolio from 1972 to 1977.

However, informed sources close to the conference said it was too early to speculate whether Nicolae Ceausescu was being groomed to eventually take the place of his 64-year-old father. "He is too young and his father is still healthy and not so old," one source said. The sources requested anonymity.

Ceausescu emphasized increased production in his closing speech, drawing cheers from the delegates when he said he supported a "socialism of welfare and not of poverty."

He defended his crash industrialization program, generally considered the cause of the current shortages and some \$10 billion foreign debt.

"Without the existence of such an industry, we couldn't have coped with the difficult problems in the world economy," Ceausescu said.

In his opening speech Thursday, the president and party chief blamed the "storms and hurricanes" of the global recession for hampering Romania's economic recovery.

A severe energy shortage has forced schools to extend winter vacations and farmers to sell their goods by candlelight in the open air market. Western observers say the crisis was caused by lagging coal production and low water levels in lakes which supply hydroelectric power.

By the time the current five-year plan expires in 1985, Ceausescu said, "there must be no household in the countryside, including those of employees and intellectuals working in the village, that doesn't breed animals." "Each farm should have a cow and poultry," he said. "The more a citizen produces, the bigger will be his income."

While this gives everyone the chance to "get rich", he said, "there should be no fear that certain peasants would get too rich."

Rome daily lashes out at FAO role

ROME, Dec. 19 (R) — A Rome English-language newspaper strongly linked with the U.S. Republican Party accused the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of telling lies while tens of thousands of children starved.

The *Daily American*, in a 48-page supplement, described the Rome-based FAO as "an arrogant, over-budgeted and barely effective bureaucracy."

It reprinted press articles attacking the FAO for spending too much on its headquarters administration and for rejecting donor demands to make its accounts more visible.

Robert Cunningham, publisher of the newspaper and communications director of the Republicans abroad organization, said he planned to distribute copies of the supplement to President Reagan and every member of Congress early next year. An FAO spokesman said the organization would issue an official reaction next week.

In an editorial prefacing the supplement, the newspaper said the FAO had repeatedly demanded more money to fight hunger but had failed to save the world's hungry and starving. "If FAO were a nation... it might face a guerrilla movement determined to drive the agency to accountability," the editorial said. "Instead FAO lies to itself and to the world. And as it lies children starve to death by the tens of thousands," it added.

It said Director-General Edouard Saouma's salary exceeded that of the president of the United States while senior employees earned "nearly twice the annual salaries of the entire U.S. Congress."

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Despite mounting pressure

Japan rules out easing imports

TOYAMA, Japan, Dec. 19 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone said Sunday his government had no intention of producing a fresh package of measures to relieve pressures from trading partners seeking easier access to Japanese markets.

Speaking at a news conference in Thyama, capital of this central Japan farming prefecture, Nakasone described current trade friction with the U.S. and the European Economic Community as the most important situation Japan has ever been confronted with in the postwar era.

He said his government was thinking of continuing to promote measures already taken to open Japanese markets to foreign goods, but stressed that Japan has "no intention of working out what is called the third market-opening package."

Following a first set of trade liberalizing measures in January, Japan last May announced a second package, which included removal or reduction of 215 tariffs and expansion of some agricultural quotas.

On the subject of agricultural imports, Nakasone said he hoped to take measures foreign countries would find reasonable and understandable, by promoting reduction of tariffs, expansion of quotas, and simplification of test standards.

Nakasone's remarks followed the failure of U.S.-Japanese talks in Washington last Fri-

day to reach agreement on agricultural trade. The U.S. turned down Japanese offers to expand quotas on six agricultural items and lower import tariffs on about 40 others, Japanese sources said in Tokyo.

Japanese agriculture ministry sources Saturday said the failure of the Washington talks would cause difficulties in working out new Japanese market-opening measures before Prime Minister Nakasone's planned visit to Washington next month.

The sources said Japan would defend itself if the United States complained formally to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

(GATT) about what it views as Japanese trade barriers.

On Saturday Japan's ambassador in Washington, Yoshio Okawara, urged Nakasone to make clear what Japan could do to meet U.S. requests for import liberalization of beef, tobacco and oranges.

According to foreign ministry sources in Tokyo, the ambassador was told by Nakasone to attempt to improve Washington's understanding of the many domestic problems involved in meeting its requests for more liberal trading conditions.

Price cut suicidal, OPEC told

VIENNA, Dec. 19 (R) — OPEC President Ma'abam Yahya Dikku opened the oil group's 66th conference Sunday with a warning that a price cut to end the world oil glut might bring disaster.

"I...believe that a substantial price cut, once effected, cannot be automatically reversed," Dikku told the 13 OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) delegations.

"Today we face a period of difficulty, so we must act with resolve to prevent this period of difficulty from becoming a time of crisis which could conceivably engulf us all."

Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani had already said earlier the oil ministers were convinced they had no choice but to defend the current \$34 a barrel reference price, despite projections that the glut will go on well into 1983.

They consider a price cut too risky a method of trying to stimulate higher con-

sumption at a time of recession.

After a day of informal discussions among ministers Saturday, conference sources said the main battle at Vienna would be over dividing up OPEC's dwindling share of the market.

Yamani said just before Sunday's opening session: "We are far from our target but moving slowly. Whether we reach it or not remains to be seen."

Iran said earlier it would block any agreements by the OPEC that did not boost Iranian output. Badiyin need of funds to finance its border war with Iraq, Iran has demanded that its quota be raised from 1.2 million barrels a day to 3 million.

The United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba said Saturday, that non-OPEC producers — such as Mexico and Britain — must share responsibility for defending oil prices.

BRIEFS

LISBON, (AFP) — Inflation in Portugal in 1982 will total 23 percent, according to a report published by the Bank of Portugal here. At the beginning of the year, the center-right government headed by Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemão said the rise would be 17 percent and suggested that wage rises should not exceed that level.

PARIS, (AFP) — The French state-owned CII-Honeywell Bull firm, the biggest European manufacturer of computers, is facing a rapidly worsening situation, and informed sources here said losses this year could total 1.3 billion francs (about \$200 million). Losses in 1981 were 430 million francs. The firm, which was taken over by the French state in April, is desperately short of capital and the authorities are believed to be prepared to make 1.5 billion francs available, the sources said.

MANAMA, (AFP) — French External Trade Minister Michel Jobert arrived in Salalah, 800 kms (500 miles) southwest of Muscat, for an official visit to Oman, the Gulf News Agency GNA, monitored here.

reported. Jobert is due to have talks with Omani officials on a wide range of matters concerning bilateral trade and industrial cooperation, the agency said.

ILLINOIS, (AFP) — The International Harvester group, which manufactures farm machinery and trucks (lorries), made a loss of \$1 billion in the last quarter of the current year ending Oct. 31, the company reported this weekend. This is the biggest quarterly loss recorded by an American company. The previous record was held by the U.S. Steel Corp., giant which lost \$668.9 million in 1979, when it closed some obsolete plants.

LONDON, (AFP) — For some weeks it has been known that the Thai authorities were wishing to change the arrangements under which part of their exports were effected, writes *Czarnikow* in its latest sugar review. It has been reported that arrangements have been completed under which 600,000 tons of raw sugar will be sold each year for five years to three groups of trade houses. Prices will be established in relation to New York futures market quotations.

France's jobless total falls slightly

PARIS, Dec. 19 (R) — Unemployment in France dropped slightly in November, according to figures issued by the ministry of labor Sunday.

Seasonally adjusted figures for last month showed 2,031,000 people out of work, compared with 2,044,600 in October, the ministry said.

The unadjusted figure for November was 2,161,000, which the ministry said was a 0.7 percent drop on the previous month's comparative figure. "These figures confirm a permanent tendency toward stabilization since the month of July," the ministry said in a statement accompanying the figures.

Last year unadjusted figures for November showed 2,016,200 out of work, and according to seasonally adjusted figures 1,846,000 people were unemployed.

Michelin to close Irish tire plant

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — The Michelin tire giant is to close a plant at Mallusk, Northern Belfast, Ulster, next year with the loss of 1,700 jobs, and another 90 people will lose their jobs at the nearby Ballymena plant, the firm has announced.

The move, part of a program to cut nearly 4,000 jobs, has been caused by a particularly severe recession in the British tire market as some 10 percent of new vehicles are now imported with foreign tires already fitted, while exports are sharply down.

In addition, technological advances have made tires last longer, and motorists are using them less because petrol costs more.

The two-year program to reduce staff by 4,000 will hit plants at Stoke on Trent, Ballymena, Burnley, Dundee, Aberdeen and at company headquarters.

Arab League lifts boycott of 32 firms

TUNIS, Dec. 19 (AFP) — The Arab League lifted its boycott Saturday of 32 companies that, it said, had decided to stop trading with Israel.

A source close to the Boycott Office's 48th liaison officers' conference said Saturday that the companies were based in Britain, France, West Germany, India, Kenya, Switzerland and the United States.

"Documents proved that (the companies) have broken with Israel and have pledged to apply the rules of the (Arab) boycott (of Israel)," the source said.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates remain stable

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Sunday was a dull trading day with the European and New York markets closed. Riyal deposit rates were generally stable but this was mostly due to the fact that few deals were done and most institutions left early for the day. Secondly, with the year-end book closing coming near, most institutions preferred to deal in short-dated funds and left out any aggressive dealing.

On the whole, the riyal market continues to react rather indifferently to the major events in the European or U.S. markets.

While the Federal Reserve's discount rate cut of 1/4 percent last Monday has unsettled the money markets, local rates

remained dull and depressed throughout and continuing liquidity injections into the system is ensuring that riyal rates will remain depressed. Sunday saw the week-fixed quoted at around 6-6 3/4 percent but even this lower rate (compared to Saturday's 6 1/4 - 7 1/4 percent) failed to arouse any trading interest.

The one-month JIBOR rate was quoted at 7 1/4 percent while the nine-year rate was slightly lower at 8 1/2 - 9 percent compared to 9 1/4 percent levels Saturday. Still the market was exceptionally thin Monday as more institutions enter the market. On the exchanges, spot riyal/dollar rates were quoted unchanged around 3.4398-02 levels.

Soviets said using forced labor

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (R) — A Lithuanian geologist has said he will tell the U.S. Senate next month that he saw forced labor being used on the construction of natural gas pipelines in Siberia.

Antanas Pranskevicius, 42, a political dissident who left the Soviet Union less than three weeks ago, said Friday he had already met State Department officials and Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The geologist is expected to be a key witness in hearings in the Senate on charges that forced labor is being used to build the trans-Siberian natural gas pipeline to West Europe.

President Reagan has said the trans-Siberian pipeline was being built with forced labor, although his charge has been disputed.

Pranskevicius was in Siberia, partly to find sites for natural gas drilling, but said he had not worked as a geologist since 1979 when he lost his job as a geology professor at Leningrad University after applying for an emigration visa.

He said he frequently saw forced laborers working on sites for pipelines which would be used to supply the trans-Siberian pipeline. Actual construction of the trans-Siberian began after Pranskevicius left Siberia.

He said an initial crew of about 40 would be sent to prepare a route for a pipeline. Working in fenced areas and guarded by armed soldiers and dogs, they would clear land and build barracks, he said.

When temporary lodgings were ready, groups of 500 to 700 forced laborers were brought in to continue preliminary construction work, he said. But the labor camps were torn down before professional pipeline workers arrived on the scene.

Pranskevicius arrived in the United States on Dec. 4 with his wife and daughter. He said the Soviet authorities might have allowed him to leave the country because of pressure from fellow geologists in the West or because he was a "troublemaker."

Brazil to meet U.S. bankers today

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 19 (R) — Brazil, backed by a new agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on an economic program for 1983, meets its major bank creditors in New York Monday to try to put together a loan package aimed at keeping it solvent.

Central bank Governor Carlos Langoni has said he would seek a voluntary commitment from international banks to provide enough cash to see Brazil through the first six months of 1983.

Foreign banking sources in Rio de Janeiro were cautious about forecasting the outcome of the New York meeting, but bankers were generally expected to take a positive attitude following Brazil's agreement with the IMF last Wednesday.

Officials said details of the plan would be presented at the New York meeting by Lan-

goni. Planning Minister Antonio Delfim Netto and Finance Minister Ernane Galves.

They said the plan called for a sharp cut in borrowing requirements from foreign banks from around \$18 billion this year to \$9.1 billion in 1983, a reduction in the rate of inflation from its present 95 percent to 70 percent next year and slashed public spending and state subsidies.

Bankers fear that the world financial system could be badly shaken if Brazil, which they say has the largest foreign debt in the world, fails to keep its payments up to date. Two other major Latin American nations, Mexico and Argentina, have already fallen behind on such repayments.

The three countries have foreign debts totaling more than \$200 billion. Bankers here estimate Brazil's overseas commitments at nearly \$89 billion.

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As Terry Walsh 'tricks' in Esanda final

Aussies give India a thrashing

MELBOURNE, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Center forward Terry Walsh scored four goals as Australia overpowered mighty India in the final of the Esanda Hockey Tournament here Sunday with a magnificent 6-1 victory.

Fullback Craig Davies scored two in a match in which the Australians completely dominated play.

India had their chances but missed two penalty-strokes and their forwards lacked co-ordination. Zafar Iqbal scored their lone goal midway through the second half.

The Netherlands earlier beat New Zealand 2-1 to take third place, while West Germany scored two late goals in their 3-2 win over Pakistan in the play-off for fifth place to relegate the Pakistanis to sixth spot.

In the final, Australia's first goal came after only three minutes when Indian goalkeeper Romen James stopped a short-corner but Walsh flicked home the rebound. He added the second after seven minutes with a magnificent reverse stick shot. Davies hammered in a 22nd minute short-corner for the third and four minutes later Walsh delighted the 9,000-crowd with his hat-trick.

India were awarded a penalty-stroke two minutes into the second half when an Australian defender stopped the ball with his foot in front of goal. Captain Zafar Iqbal shot low to the left only to see goalkeeper Graham Reid deflect the ball away. But India finally scored after a short-corner in the 9th minute when Iqbal made up for his error and shot past Reid.

Jeantot sails home in second-leg

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 19 (AFP) — A tired but happy Philippe Jeantot of France, 30, sailed into Sydney Harbor Sunday morning aboard his cutter Credit Agricole after clearly winning the second leg of the BOC Challenge single-handed around-the-world yacht race.

The win gave him a comfortable lead at the half way mark in the race and he hailed by leading Australian yachtsmen as an outstanding performance.

After battling heavy seas for most of the past 37 days since leaving Capetown, Jeantot looked delighted on the quiet side. "It's fantastic to be here after such a long time alone at sea," he said.

He will spend much of the next month repairing damage done to his boat during the Indian Ocean crossing before heading off on the longest and perhaps most dangerous section of the race — the 8,000 kms (5,000 miles) voyage around Cape Horn and up to Rio de Janeiro.

Seventeen boats started the race. However, five pulled out because of difficulties

But Australia retaliated a minute later when Peter Hazelhurst dribbled the ball past three Indians and passed to Walsh who knocked in a deflection off a defender's stick. Davies picked up his second goal in the 59th minute when he converted another penalty-stroke and India began to tire in the last 10 minutes.

"It was the most spectacular start I have ever seen Australia produce in a game, let alone the final of a major tournament," said Australian coach Richard Aggiss. He doubted they had ever played better.

Indian coach Balbir Singh congratulated them on their win, and said: "I am lost for words. Australia were magnificent and I'm still trying to get over the shock of the first few minutes of the game."

The Netherlands, who won the bronze got both their goals, through Roderik Bouwmann, who brought his total of goals to 14 and he stamped his class all over a match in which neither side really gained supremacy.

Bouwmann gave the Netherlands the lead in the ninth minute with a powerful shot. After a tight struggle in mid field New Zealand broke free in the 31st minute with George Carnoustes setting up a fine chance for Peter Daji to score.

After a long period of even play in the second half, New Zealand seized the initiative but their best chance to score was lost in the 52nd minute when Arthur Parkin was dispossessed inside the circle by Van Der Have.

But four minutes before the end the Netherlands forced a short-corner which was and another two have been abandoned or wrecked.

The latest victims of the heavy seas was the boat formerly owned by Sir Francis Chichester, Gypsy Moth Five, which broke on an island south of Sydney Saturday night.

The boat's skipper, Desmond Hampton, was rescued and arrived in Sydney. Gypsy Moth Five was only three hours behind Credit Agricole and a certain second in this leg of the race when it hit the island. Jeantot was stunned when he heard the news of the wreck and was meeting Desmond Hampton later this afternoon.

The voyage from Capetown was not without trouble for Jeantot either. During 60 knot winds south of the French-controlled Kerguelen Island in the southern Indian Ocean, Credit Agricole was rolled over. "I thought, OK, I'm over but the boat has to come up. It didn't, however, because the spinnaker I had out filled up with water and was too heavy. So I had to go out and cut the spinnaker free."

"The boat must have been upside down for a couple of minutes but it seemed like hours," he added.

followed by another and Bouwmann scored with another strong hit.

Two late goals from West German striker Stefan Blocher relegated Pakistan to sixth place. Blocher gave West Germany a 3-2 win and fifth place, leaving Pakistan to finish in what officials believe is their lowest-ever spot in world competition. Michael Peters got the other goal, while Mustaq Ahmed and Kalimullah netted for Pakistan.

Pakistan team manager Khalid Mahood said later he was very disappointed with the performance and added: "We have played very poorly in this tournament, injuries to several top players did not help, but even this was not an excuse for some of our performances. We will have to evaluate our game and make changes."

Mustaq Ahmed opened the scoring for Pakistan in the 19th minute when he raced to the goalmouth past two defenders and chipped the ball past the keeper.

West German captain Michael Peter, levelled the score in the 34th minute when he slammed in a shot from the top of the circle after a pass from Carsten Fischer on a long-corner.

Both teams had many chances in the second half but it was the brilliance of injured striker Blocher who put Germany in front. His first goal came in the 60th minute from a pass off Heiner Dopp when he neatly flicked the ball past the sliding Shahid and the second came only two minutes later.

He said the Melbourne tournament had shown that Australia was now a great team of the world. "They are the ones, who must be beaten to attain world supremacy in the game."

England exploited a fragile Malaysian defence and could well have won by a bigger margin. Norman Hughes, the captain, gave England a lead in the sixth minute after a shot by Richard Leman had been cleared off the line. Paul Barber increased the lead in the 17th minute from a short-corner and converted another three minutes after the interval.

Malaysia forced two short-corners, but could make nothing of them and one or two attacks were beaten back before England went further ahead with goals by Kulbir Bhaura in the 55th minute and Shaun Kerly three minutes later.

The fight drained from the Malaysians and the game became too one-sided. The only players in the Malaysian side who played with any fervor were the full back Foo Keatseong and inside left Colin Santamaria.



TUSSELE FOR THE BALL: Arno Den Hartog of the Netherlands and Australia's Ric Charlesworth in close tussle for the ball during their semifinal clash in the Esanda Hockey Tournament.

Esanda Hockey at a glance

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| England | 5 | Malaysia 0 |
| Canada | 2 | China 0 |

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| 5. West Germany | 10. | China |

Cook, Fowler in big stand

HOBART, Australia, Dec. 19 (AFP) — England had their most successful opening partnership of the Australian tour when Geoff Cook and Graeme Fowler put on 141 runs against Tasmania here Sunday.

Cook (73 not out) and Fowler (63) are in direct competition with each other to be Chris Tavare's partner as opening batsmen in the fourth Test in Melbourne. It was Cook's first game since he struck 99 and 77 in two innings more than three weeks ago against New South Wales in Sydney.

Cook was chosen for the second Test in Brisbane but a cracked rib prevented him from playing in the touring side's next three matches, which saw England lose both the Brisbane and Adelaide Test.

Cook should have been dismissed at 15 but was dropped by first slip Stan Reid off pace

Indians in comfortable position

MULTAN, Pakistan, Dec. 19 (AP) — India took a 173-run lead over Pakistan's Punjab Governor's Eleven on the second day of the three-day Zonal Cricket Match here Sunday.

The Indians scored 328 for nine declared, while the Governor's Eleven in the first innings were 132 all out and in second innings 23 no loss.

The Pakistani team after winning the toss on Saturday elected to bat and were all out

bowler Peter Clough. He needed no second warning and his 173-minute innings contained some strong shots through mid-wicket and point.

Cook hit nine boundaries and Fowler seven in the 141-run stand. Clough finally broke the partnership by enticing Fowler to sky a catch to Reid at fine-leg.

England's acting captain David Gower declared his innings closed at 141 for one, still 132 runs behind Tasmania's laborious 273 compiled in almost eight hours.

By stumps on the second day of the three-day game Tasmania was 31 for no wicket in the second innings with Ian Beven 19 not out and David Smith nine not out.

Tasmania's overall lead of 163 runs suggests that its captain Roger Woolley will make a declaration about lunch time Monday in a bid to gain a result.

Davis, Meo take big lead

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — England's Steve Davis and Tony Meo turned the first day's play in the World Double snooker final into an embarrassing exhibition match at the Crystal Palace here Saturday.

Their opponents, Welshmen Terry Griffiths and Doug Mountjoy, claimed only two of the twelve frames played on this first day, to slide perilously close to defeat.

Davis had four half-century breaks — his best a fourth frame 65 — and Meo chalked out a sixth frame 56 as the Londoners roared into a 10-2 lead, to stand just three frames from the 24,000 pounds sterling first prize when the match resumes Sunday.

Griffiths, crowned U.K. champion only a fortnight ago, made a 69 break to win the fifth frame, and Welsh champion Mountjoy aggregated a best of the 76 to claim the sixth — but all else was a tale of woe for the Welsh.

Meo, chasing his first major title, and Davis raced to a 4-0 lead before their opponents stopped the rot by taking the fifth frame 78-35.

But back came Davis in the sixth frame with a 52, and then Meo added a 56 to take the frame 108-6 and leave the Welshman in disarray.

Davis and Meo reeled off the first two frames tonight to lead 7-1, halfway to the 13-frame victory mark. Davis knocked in his third half-century break of the match, in the seventh frame (the first of the evening session) and his 54 took the frame 78-5.

Davis then made breaks of 27 and 35 to outpace the stunned Welsh team and take the eighth frame 79-44.

Capitals triumph

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 (AP) — Gaetan Dushesne scored twice in the final two minutes to give the Washington Capitals a 3-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in a National Hockey League game Saturday.

In other matches, Pete Peeters, the NHL leading goaltender, earned his third shutout of the season as the Boston Bruins extended their unbeaten streak at home to 11 games, with a 4-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings.

Rookie Sean Mokema scored what proved to be the winning goal at 13:51 of the second period as the Buffalo Sabres edged the Quebec Nordiques 5-4.

Bobby Clarke's power-play goal with 5:38 remaining lifted the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-4 tie with the New York Islanders.

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Chris routs Austin on way to final

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, Dec. 19 (AP) — Chris-Evert Lloyd handed Tracy Austin her worst loss as a pro and Martina Navratilova upended Hana Mandlikova to set up Sunday's final in the \$300,000 Toyota Tennis Championships.

Lloyd crushed Austin 6-0, 6-0 and Navratilova outlasted Mandlikova 7-6, 6-1 to set up the final in this season-ending, select 12-woman field. The winner here collects \$75,000 with the runner-up pocketing \$40,000.

Navratilova, who captured both the French Open and Wimbledon singles crowns this year, and Lloyd, winner of the U.S. and Australian Opens, were seeded first and second, respectively.

Mandlikova, who lost to the Czech-born Navratilova for the fifth consecutive time this year, hit brilliant passing shots to break her opponent at 15 to open the match between the two all-court specialists. But Navratilova broke right back and the two held serve to go into a tiebreaker.

Navratilova, who has won 89 of 92 matches this year, immediately double-faulted, and when Mandlikova won the next two points, the tournament's No. 4 seed had a 3-0 lead.

But Navratilova got the break back on the seventh point when Mandlikova's backhand volley sailed long, starting a 5-1 string that gave her the tiebreak 7-5. The first set took 71 minutes, but Navratilova disposed her semifinal for much quicker in the second set, racing out to a 3-0 lead.

It was the first time Lloyd, ranked second in the world and seeded second here, had played Austin since they met twice in the Toyota Championships last December. In the double-elimination format used then, Lloyd outlasted Austin in a 3-hour, 20-minute battle, but lost to Austin in a rematch in the semifinals.

For Austin, who has been hampered all year with injuries, it was her worst loss ever as a professional. The last time she had been shut out in a set was in the 1981 U.S. women's indoor championships when she was stopped by Navratilova 6-0, 6-2.

Lloyd, on the other hand, was almost perfect as she destroyed Austin, the only current player to hold a career advantage over her in their head-to-head meetings. Lloyd now has two eight times and Austin nine.

The 28-year-old Lloyd rushed through Austin in just 48 minutes, as Austin won only 14 points, five of them in the first set. A lot of it was due to Austin's humdrum of unforced errors, but that was due to the constant pressure applied by Lloyd. When Austin did come through with a good shot, Lloyd returned it with a better one.

The only time Austin had game point was in the fourth game of the second set when she led 30-40. But Lloyd ripped off a backhand cross-court passing shot to pull to deuce, dropped a shot forehand just over the net that Austin could barely reach to take the then closed out the game with a smash.



ON THE RUN: John Alexander, who beat doubles partner John Fitzgerald to bag the New South Wales Open title Sunday, is seen stretching to reach the ball.

In European Championship

Netherlands has it easy

WEST GERMANY, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — The Netherlands beat Malta 6-0 (halftime 4-0) in a European Soccer Championship Group Seven qualifying match here Sunday.

Kees Van Kooten (2), Dick Schoemaker (2), Hago Hovenkamp and Edo Ophof scored before a crowd of around 15,000.

Meanwhile, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has given permission for European and South American professional footballers to play in preliminary rounds of the 1984 Olympic Games Football Championship.

The only players excluded are those who took part in the 1982 World Cup or its qualifying rounds, Joao Havelange, president of the International Football Federation (FIFA) said Saturday in Zurich.

A decision will be made later on whether the professionals of the two continents will be able to play in the Olympics themselves.

Havelange said the IOC had given FIFA permission to organize the preliminary competition according to its own rules, which meant European and South American full-timers could be included, something FIFA has been campaigning for.

Players from the rest of the world are not greatly affected by the IOC's limitations on professionalism. FIFA's rules will allow a player to receive money from his club, national association or federation for training, food and lodging, kit, travel, expenses and pocket money. He can also claim the cost of medical care, physiotherapy and compensation for loss of wages.

Havelange said the IOC's approval was a step towards the establishment of the concept of an "Olympic" player, who would receive

financial support from his club or federation to put everyone on the same footing as players from the Eastern Bloc. A sub-committee formed of IOC and FIFA representatives will draw up definitive rules on eligibility for the Olympic football event.

BRIEFS

ROSTOCK, East Germany, (R) — Cornelia Sirch improved the world best time for the women's 200 meters backstroke twice at the East German National short-course Swimming Championships here Sunday. She clocked two minutes 10.56 seconds in a heat — the previous best of 2:11.02 was set by American Linda Jezek in 1978.

LONDON (AFP) — The England Probables defeated the Possibles 47-7 here Saturday in a trial match for the forthcoming five Nations Rugby Season. At half-time the Probables led 29-3.

DUBLIN (AFP) — The Irish Probables drew 15-15 with the less fancied Possibles here Saturday in a trial match for the forthcoming Five-Nations Rugby Union season. The Probables led 6-0 at half-time.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) — The Brazilian All-Stars defeated an Asian All-Stars team 3-0 in a friendly match here Sunday. All the goals were scored in the first half. The Asian All-Stars team made up of players from Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong, South Korea and India were no match for the Brazilians, who fielded four of their former national players.

VAL GARDENA, Italy, (AFP) — Conradin Cathomen, a 23-year-old Swiss skier, won the first World Cup victory of his career when he completed the first of two Downhill races here in two minutes 09.54 seconds Sunday.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Vladimir Martchouk, 28, of the Soviet Union, set a new world record of 260 kgs in the clean and jerk sections of the over 110 kgs (superheavyweight) category in the Soviet National Weightlifting Cup here Sunday. The old record of 258.5 kgs was set by compatriot Anatoly Pisarepko in Dnepropetrovsk, Soviet Union, on May 23.

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Alexander takes Fitzgerald in stride

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 19 (AP) — Australian veteran John Alexander woo his first major Australian Tennis title when he beat his doubles partner, John Fitzgerald, in a three-set final of the \$125,000 New South Wales (men's) Open at White City Sunday.

The 31-year-old Alexander, runner-up in Grand Prix events on more than 20 occasions, won 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, but not until he had saved a match point during a nail-biting second set tie-breaker.

Fitzgerald said later he had slowed down his first serve on the vital point. "I was pretty tight," he said. "I thought if I played a percentage it was unlikely I'd lose the point."

In June, Alexander beat American Tim Mayotte in the final of the Bristol Tournament, a traditional lead-up to Wimbledon, and Sunday's win gave him two titles in a year for the first time since 1975, when he was ranked as high as eighth in the world.

"That year I won an event in Tucson, which then had the largest-ever total prizemoney," Alexander said. "I beat Arthur Ashe in a quarterfinal, John Newcombe in a semifinal and Ilie Nastase in the final."

The New South Wales Open title also gave Alexander, the fifth seed, a \$20,000 cheque and 125 Grand Prix points, which will boost

his world ranking from its current 34.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Jimmy Connors defeated Switzerland's Heinz Günthardt 6-4, 7-5 in the semifinals of the \$300,000 Nastase-Hamilton Invitational.

Connors, the only seeded player left in the event which is not a stop on the Grand Prix tour, will meet fellow American Brian Teacher in Sunday's final. Teacher whipped American Brian Gottfried 7-5, 7-6 in the other semifinal. He won the tiebreaker in the second set 7-5.

Connors, this year's U.S. Open and Wimbledon champion, lost several service breaks throughout his match, but each time was able to battle back and regain command.

He was down a service break after the third game in the first set, but broke Günthardt in the sixth and the tenth games. In the second set, Connors battled back from service breaks in the third and ninth games. When Günthardt was serving behind 6-5 in the second set, he double-faulted at match point.

In the other semifinal, Teacher held serve to win the first set after Gottfried double faulted and gave his opponent a 6-5 lead. In the second set, Gottfried fought off a match point at 5-3 and forced the tiebreaker.

which Teacher won using a strong serve-and-volley game.

Lendl makes final
In Hartford, Connecticut, top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia used a powerful serve to defeat Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, 7-6, 6-3, to advance to the final of the \$300,000 WCT Open.

Taroczy, also on a strong serve, pushed Lendl into a debreaker in the first set, but Lendl fired two aces to win the tiebreaker and set.

In the second set, Taroczy ran Lendl across the baseline, beating him on low shots to both corners. But Lendl's serve overpowered Taroczy.

The Czech broke Taroczy's serve in the sixth game of the second set, then fired three aces in the final game to win, 6-3. "I had the feeling he aces me whenever he wanted," Taroczy said. "I didn't have a chance. If I was up 6-4 or 6-5, he would ace me three or four times again."

Lendl, pleased with the serve but disappointed with his baseline game, said, "I'm still missing the groundstrokes at important times. What's really upsetting is that's supposed to be my strength. I missed some easy shots."

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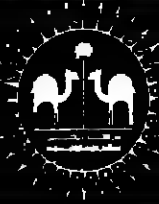
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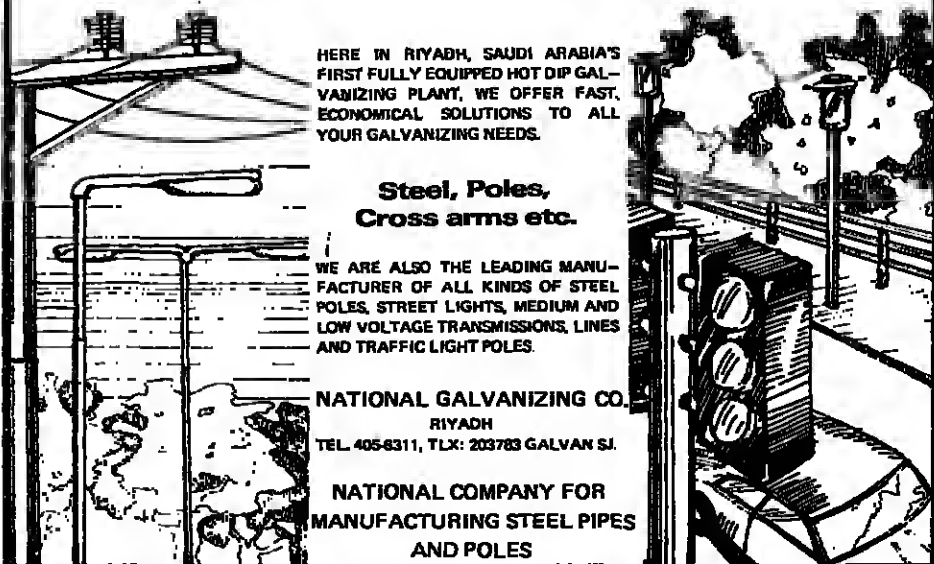
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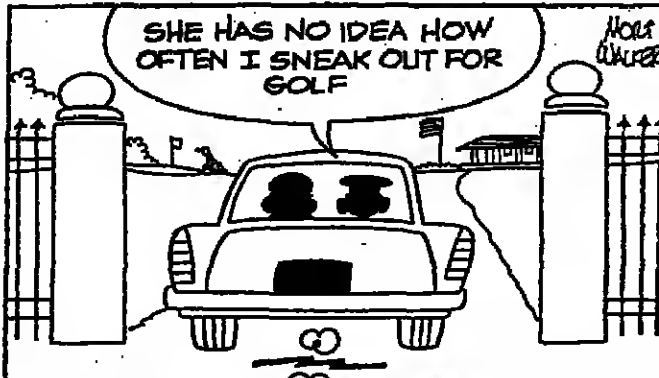
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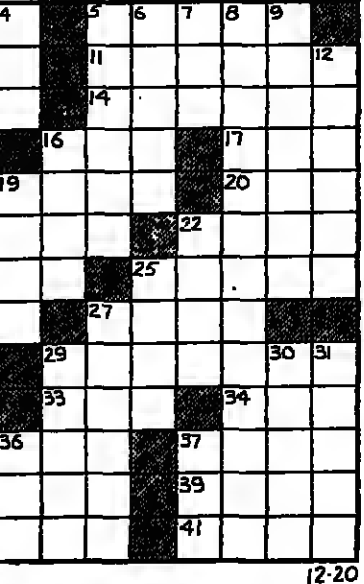
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- ACROSS
- 1 Moist
- 5 Startle
- 10 Infrequent
- 11 Artistry
- 13 Continent
- 15 Shea athlete
- 16 English country festival
- 17 Billy Williams
- 18 Move like a snake
- 20 Hostel
- 21 Cooper's "High" time
- 22 Start the pot
- 23 Form of Margaret river
- 25 African river
- 26 Fictional dog
- 27 Time in office
- 28 Train stop (abbr.)
- 29 "A-to Garcia"
- 32 Lament
- 33 Canadian province (abbr.)
- 34 — Aviv
- 35 Not placed
- 37 Volcano
- 38 French Peter
- 39 Blood vessel



- DOWN
- 1 Medicinal measures
- 2 Atelier stand
- 3 Steno's pad
- 4 Affirmative
- 5 Purloined
- 6 Frank
- 7 Fatima's son
- 8 The printed word
- 9 Treaty
- 12 High-schooler
- 16 Popeye's greeting
- 19 Garb of yore
- 22 Pretensions
- 23 Abstain
- 24 Iron curtain
- 25 Aerie
- 27 Compassionate
- 28 Ballerina
- 29 Shearer
- 30 Guardian spirits
- 31 Antelope
- 36 Skill
- 37 Wagnerian lady



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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♥ 108542
♦ A J 8
♣ 105

EAST
♦ J
♥ A J 7
♦ 8 5 2
♣ J 9 8 4 3 2

WEST
♦ 9 5
♥ K Q 9 6
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ A K

SOUTH
♦ A K Q 10 6 4 3
♥ 3
♦ K 4
♣ 8 7 6

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 4♣ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead — king of clubs.

You'd certainly want to be in four spades with the North-South hands, but when Mrs. Emma Jean Hawes of Fort Worth, Texas, got there she wound up going down one.

The deal occurred in the match between the U.S. and Italy during the Ladies Championship of the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad. Mrs. Hawes and Mrs. Robando cooperated beautifully on defense to insure Mrs. Hawes' downfall.

Mrs. Hawes led the king of clubs and continued with the ace, on which Mrs. Robando

played the queen! The queen was a suit-preference signal asking West to lead a heart rather than a diamond at trick three.

Mrs. Hawes realized that her partner had the ace of hearts and, as she wanted to coax a club return at trick four, she shifted to the nine of hearts, pretending it was her highest heart.

Mrs. Robando took the ace, returned the jack of clubs, and Mrs. Hawes sadly went down one when West heartlessly scored the setting trick with the nine of trumps.

As if this were not enough bad luck on one deal, the American team suffered a second reverse at the other table where the bidding, with the U.S. East-West, went:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
Pass 3♣ 3♣ Pass
Pass 4♣

The Italian South led the king of spades and shifted to the king and another diamond! North cashed the A-J to put the contract down one. Furthermore, South discarded a heart on the third round of diamonds and then got a heart ruff! So East went down two as a result of the snappy defense.

No wonder Italy won the ladies world championship that year!

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Social life is favored, as long as you avoid extravagance. A loved one demonstrates a strong sense of conviction.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
You'll make important career progress, but don't overplay your hand. It's not the best time to seek advice from a friend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Don't put aside an impor-

tant work meeting because of a desire for travel. Let first things come first. Close ties are exciting.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Though you'll have a chance for profits and gains, you still must curb overspending. Revised domestic plans will succeed.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Enjoy happy romantic times, but do remember

domestic obligations. Over-tiredness could make you easily irked after dark.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You'll have success with both domestic and work concerns. Don't be picky about little things when you're with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
You'll have success in communicating your ideas to others. Creative interests and travel are favored. Don't be extravagant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Be on the lookout for bargains and sales. Remember to honor a family commitment. Home-based activities are accented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
You'll have luck in your social circle, but you need a more realistic attitude toward career concerns. Avoid taking risks.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Don't make extravagant promises. Work quietly toward the realization of career objectives. Trifles shouldn't upset you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You'll make progress behind the scenes regarding financial interests. Dealings with higher-ups are fortunate, but don't be too glib.

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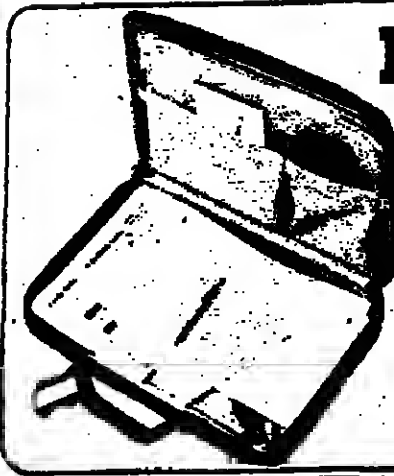
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U.S. wants facilities speeded up for Cruises in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — The United States wants Britain to advance the date for the arrival of support facilities for Cruise missiles at Greenham Common because of fears that anti-nuclear demonstrations could delay the program, *The Observer* reported Sunday.

The British Defense Ministry said no date has yet been fixed. But the British newspaper quoted West German sources in Washington saying they understood Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has already agreed to advance the date from next June to April.

Some 20,000 demonstrators blockaded the U.S. Air Force base 50 miles at Greenham Common west of London on Dec. 12 to protest the scheduled deployment there of 96 U.S. cruise missiles by next December.

The demonstrators threatened to mount new blockades unless NATO abandons plans to deploy the missiles. A small group of women protesters camped for the last 15 months outside the main gate of the base, where work is in progress on constructing missile launch pads. The 96 Cruises are part of a total of 572 cruise and Pershing II medium-range missiles that NATO decided three years ago to deploy in Europe as from 1983 to counter the buildup of Soviet SS-20

missiles targeted on Europe. In addition to the 96 Cruise destined for Greenham Common, another 64 Cruises are earmarked for Britain at Molesworth, near Cambridge, by 1988. *The Observer* said the West German government was stated to be angry about the reported new timetable at Greenham Common.

Early American activity at Greenham Common would, say the Germans, give the impression that the Americans are successfully putting pressure on the Europeans to accept the new missiles and speed up the agreed schedule for missile deployment next December, *The Observer* reported.

"Such a move by Britain, the new German government feels, would cause them even more political problems over the nuclear weapons modernization plans than they have experienced so far."

West Germany is scheduled to station 108 Pershing IIs and 96 Cruises on its soil. Protesters blocked the entrances to about 50 military bases in West Germany on Dec. 12, while 300,000 demonstrators besieged the NATO summit in Bonn last June 10. The demonstrations were part of a wave of anti-nuclear protest in Europe.

Indo-Pakistan talks to resume

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (R) — India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since the subcontinent was partitioned 35 years ago, resume talks next Thursday on ways of easing tensions between them.

The negotiations started last January, broke down, then were put on course again at talks in New Delhi last month between Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan. Their meeting, the first in a decade on home soil between leaders of the two countries, resulted in the decision to set up a joint commission and to continue discussions on proposed peace treaties.

The delegations to the two-day talks in New Delhi this week will be led by the foreign secretaries of the two countries. Krishan Rasgotra of India and Pakistan's Niaz Naik. Indian press reports have said New Delhi expects the Pakistanis to give a formal response to a comprehensive draft document laying down the scope and functions of the joint commission, first proposed by India last January to review and promote bilateral relations.

Details of the draft have not been disclosed, but the United News of India news

agency said the scope of the commission would be wide but would exclude political and military issues.

The officials will also discuss Pakistan's draft for a non-aggression pact and India's proposal for a treaty of peace, friendship and cooperation. The proposed Indian treaty stipulates that the two countries respect each other's territorial integrity, renounce the use of force and resolve disputes through negotiations. It also requires India and Pakistan to pledge not to grant military bases or facilities to third countries.

Gen. Zia said during a recent visit to the United States that his country's offer to sign a no-war pact with India was made "in the expectation that its acceptance would usher in an era of peace and good will between the two countries."

Pakistan's ambassador to New Delhi, Riaz Piracha, said last week that high-level exchanges could help end "mistrust and misgivings" plaguing relations between the two countries. But he added that there was still a long way to go.

Pakistan proposed the non-aggression pact in September last year.

Hamburg casts vote

HAMBURG, West Germany, Dec. 19 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right government faced its last test of public opinion Sunday before general elections planned for March as the city-state of Hamburg voted for a new assembly.

The poll is the second this year for Hamburg's 1.2 million voters and follows a six-month political impasse in the city. Last June the Social Democrats (SPD) lost their absolute majority after 25 years in power while the radical, anti-nuclear "Green Alternative List" won the balance of power.

Talks between the two parties on forming a working majority collapsed in October and, with the right-wing Christian Democrats (CDU) unable to command a majority, the SPD called new elections.

"Hamburg conditions" have become synonymous in West Germany with ungovernability and leading right-wing politicians have warned of the dangers of a similar hung parliament in Bonn unless Kohl wins a clear majority in March.

The Hamburg SPD has pinned its hopes on regaining an absolute majority Sunday, but opinion polls indicate the Greens will retain the balance of power. The latest poll from the Allensbach Institute puts the SPD and CDU level at 43 percent each but a poll by the Infas Institute this week gave the SPD a lead of 47 to 41 percent. Both polls show Green support holding up at about eight percent compared with 7.7 percent in June, while support for the liberal FDP is put at about three percent, well short of the five percent they need to win seats.

All parties are waiting anxiously to see whether the Greens can retain their support in Hamburg after their refusal to compromise with the SPD during the recent talks.

Bulgaria announces trial of two Italians

ROME, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Italian diplomats in Sofia have been told that two young tourists imprisoned in Bulgaria on charges of spying will go to trial Wednesday, the Italian News Agency ANSA said.

Italy's charge d'affaires Alessandro Pietromarchi in the Bulgarian capital — both countries have withdrawn their respective ambassadors — has asked to be present at the trial, accompanied by an interpreter. He also asked the Bulgarian prosecutor for permission for an Italian lawyer to be present.

Paolo Farsetti, 26, and Gabriella Trevisin 27, were arrested last Aug. 2 after a dispute with a policeman while holidaying along the Black Sea.

They were only told about the spying charge last Dec. 7. This was 24 hours after an Italian court refused to release Bulgarian airline employee Sergei Antonov, alleged to have taken part in a plot to kill Pope John Paul II.

Poland to try rebels

WARSAW, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Polish authorities will try a small number of dissidents for anti-state activities following the lifting of martial law, Justice Minister Sylwester Zawadzki said in an interview here.

In the latest issue of *Polityka*, the organ of the Polish Communist Party's central committee, Zawadzki said a "small" number of the 200 martial law detainees will be tried for "activities aimed at overthrowing the government of People's Poland by force."

Authorities had gathered proof of the unnamed detainees' plot to overthrow the state, the justice minister added.

Meanwhile, the politburo of the Polish Communist Party had decided to dissolve various Communist "clubs" and "organizations" whose activities do not contribute to the party's "cohesion" and its internal "discipline". The party organ *Trybuna Ludu* reported Sunday that the decision was taken at a meeting Saturday.

The politburo said in a declaration that the existence of various groupings tended to dilute "ideological and political unity".

India receives missiles

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (AFP) — India has begun receiving deliveries of "Milan" anti-tank missiles, considered among the most advanced in the world, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said Sunday.

Manufactured jointly by France and West Germany, the Milan incorporates a semi-automatic guidance technique for fast operation. It is portable and can be operated from armored or unarmored vehicles.



CLARK IMPROVING: Barney B. Clark, the first artificial heart transplant recipient with his wife Una Joy at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City where his condition has changed from being critical to serious as he continues to recover. The photo was taken on Saturday when his wife visited him.

Artificial heart man improves

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 19 (AP) — Artificial heart patient Barney Clark sat in a chair for 38 minutes Saturday, showed "more physical strength than any time since the surgery" and was taken off the critical list, a doctor said.

"Damn, it, this is a good day," said Dr. Chase Peterson, University of Utah vice president for health sciences. He said Clark's condition was upgraded to serious. Half of the Clark's permanent plastic heart was replaced last Tuesday when a valve broke.

"Dr. Clark sat up in bed last night and

dangled his feet," Peterson said Saturday. "This morning, he sat up in a chair for 38 minutes."

"Today was the strongest change we've had," Peterson said Clark was lifted into a chair in his intensive care unit room by Dr. William Devries, the surgeon who implanted his Jarvik-7 air-driven heart Dec. 2.

Devries repeatedly asked Clark if he was getting tired and Clark said no, Peterson related. When Clark announced that he was tired, Devries lifted him back into bed, Peterson said.

Zhao begins African tour

PEKING, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — On the eve of Premier Zhao's Ziyang visit to Africa, a leading Chinese magazine Sunday denounced U.S. and Soviet hegemonism there and U.S. support for Israel and South Africa.

The English language *Peking Review* said China champions the Arab struggle against Israeli aggression and black Africa's struggle against South African racism.

Both Israel and South Africa are strongly backed by the United States, it said in the lead commentary. The increasing presence of the Soviet Union in Africa, it said, "has further complicated the situation, intensifying hegemonist contention and creating more turmoil on the continent."

Premier Zhao's tour of Africa starting Monday is intended to show that Third World solidarity is "the cornerstone" of Peking's diplomacy and China is "a genuine, trustworthy friend" of African countries, the *Review* said.

The *Review* stressed that China "still faces armed threats as well as interference from hegemonism" — an accusation aiming at the two superpowers. Although it resumed talks on relations with Moscow this October, China has consistently lashed out at the Soviet Union for posing a direct threat to its security. As for the United States, Peking considers Washington's military aid to Taiwan as an interference in its internal affairs.

Zhao, a close collaborator of China's foremost leader Deng Xiaoping, is to go to Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Guinea, Zaire, Congo, Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya successively. He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian, who is going abroad for the first time after replacing Huang Hua a month ago.

The magazine also said that prospects for Sino-African economic and technical exchanges were immense. Trade between China and Africa has sharply increased over the past few years, rising from \$879 million in 1979 to \$1,304 million in 1981 for black Africa alone. However the balance of trade between China and black Africa has been heavily in favor of China.

In addition, Chinese aid to African countries has diminished over the past few years due to China's need for resources for its own development, diplomatic circles said.

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